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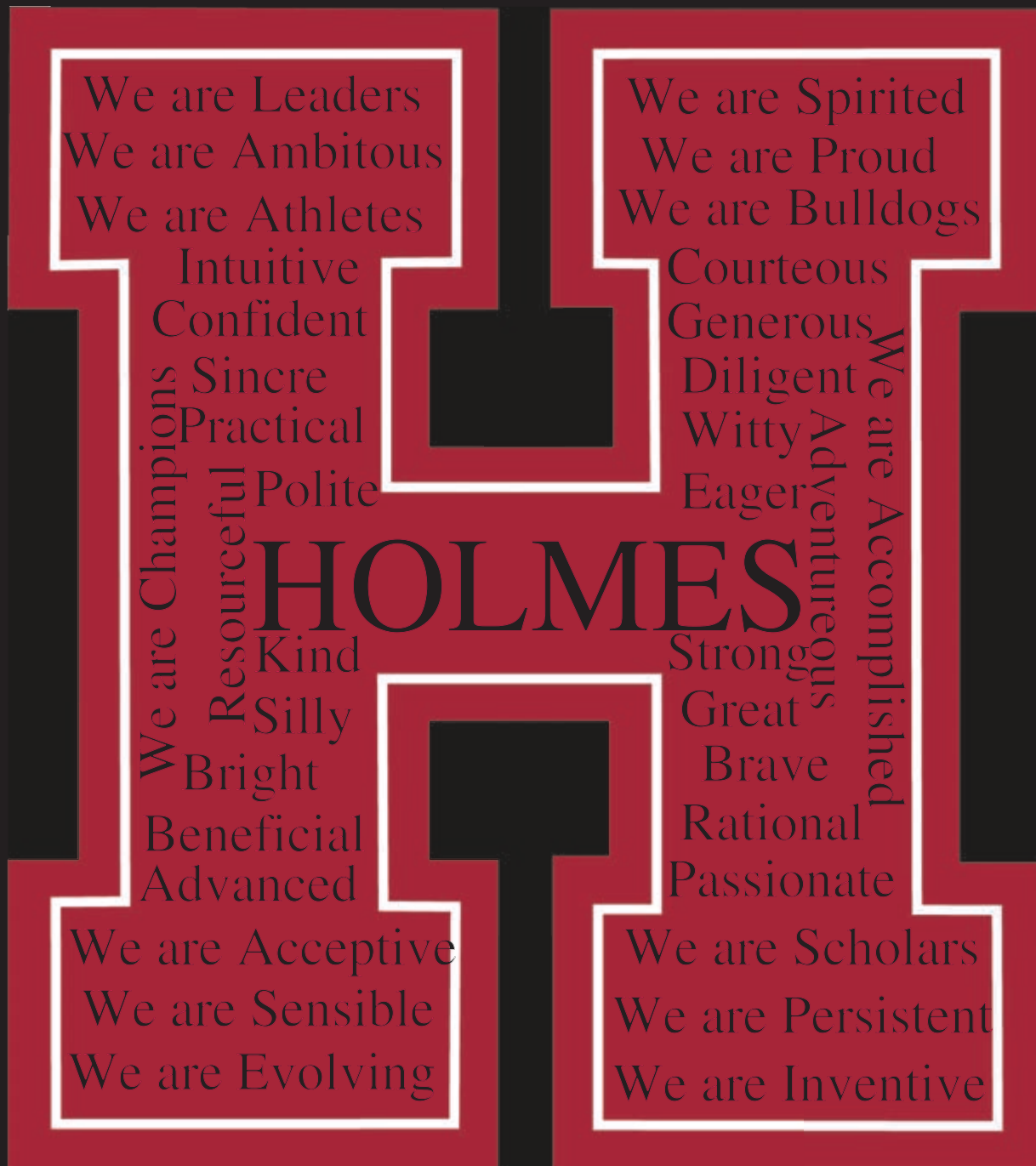


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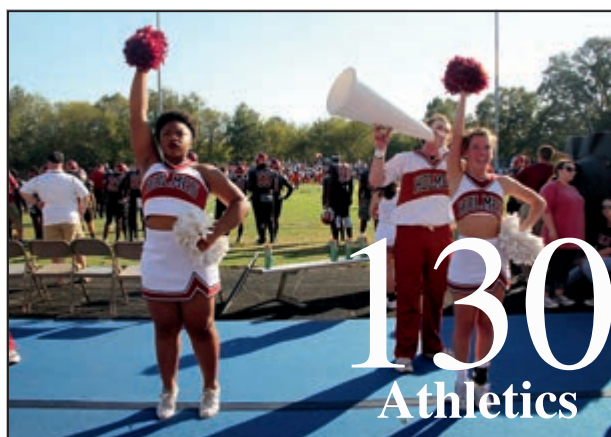


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Holmes Community College President



Dr. Jim Haffey



Holmes County native Dr. Jim Haffey serves as the 9th president of Holmes Community College. Since being named president, he has been instrumental in the growth of the college. A few of the accolades include the celebration of Holmes' 90th anniversary, the opening of the new location in Yazoo City, the opening of the Attala Center in Kosciusko, and the purchase of the former fitness lady- as well as prime I-55 highway access- to expand the Ridgeland Campus territory. He is 1997 Holmes graduate, an active member of the community, as well as an outdoor enthusiast and avid golfer. Dr. Haffey and his wife Rae Anne, a pharmacist at Howell and Heggie Drug Co. in Durant, Mississippi, have two children; Hayley and Hudson who attend Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington.

“It struck me the other day, that my children are fifth generation Holmes Countians.” Dr. Haffey said. “It is very meaningful to my children and me, that they can trace their heritage back to our nine-county district. My children travel with my wife and me, but at the end of the day, always want to come back home to this community. I want the same for our students here at Holmes Community College. I want them to have every opportunity, be empowered to be anything, and to go anywhere else in the world, but always call the Holmes Community College district, and our people here, home.”

THE GRENADA ARBORETUM


The Holmes Grenada Campus recently became the third location in the state to house an arboretum, or a “place to study trees.” The botanical garden devoted to tree life is located on the north side of campus just below the library.

The project originated as a joint effort between the Career-Technical Education Department’s Forestry Program and the Biology Department. A number of people were involved in the success of the project, especially Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey, Biology Instructor Dr. Kathy Nipper, Goodman Campus Career-Technical Education Director/former Grenada Forest Technology instructor Luke Jones, and current Grenada Forest Technology instructor James Floyd, who identified and helped to place the signs for each species.

Margarett McCool, the Garden Clubs of Mississippi president, was also a driving force, as she wrote a grant to obtain funding from the Garden Clubs of Mississippi for the signs and trees. Additionally, more than 34 species of trees, understory plants and vines native to the site were identified and labeled by the Grenada Garden Club, who received an award from the Urban Forest Council for their support and contribution to the project. Donations have been received from both the Grenada Garden Club and from individual donors.

To be of maximum value as an outdoor classroom, material was planted for use in each of the major units of General Biology and Principles of Biology, including mosses, ferns, monocotyledonous and dicotyledonous seed plants, and mushrooms to represent the fungi. Both angiosperms and gymnosperms were already native to the site. To enhance the variety and to provide the opportunity to study unique species, the planting phase was expanded. The first addition was a Ginkgo tree, an ancient species which is the only remaining member of its group and which existed during the time that dinosaurs roamed the earth. This plant was donated by Holmes Board of Trustee member Margaret Davis in memory of her husband, Hiram Davis Jr. Other trees have been added to serve as a comparison between naturally occurring species and species that have been modified by artificial selection.

“This project has great potential as a center of education for the entire area of North Central Mississippi and particularly can be of significance in educating the people of the Grenada area and surrounding communities about the importance of Environmental Biology,” Dr. Nipper said. “This has truly been a joint effort to bring this project to fruition. The maintenance department has been in on the outdoor classroom project since its beginning, and they have been great both during the planning stage and in the execution of those plans. They have placed the benches, organized the sidewalk system and contributed to many other aspects of the physical features of the facility. Also, the Welding Program was responsible for building/ contributing materials for the posts and platforms for the arboretum’s signs.”



The Holmes North Ridge Arboretum now includes over 60 identified species of trees, plants, and vines and is serving as a place for students to study, relax, and even attend class.



Holmes faculty and staff members are encouraged to contribute plants and trees from their gardens and woodlands to help make the Holmes North Ridge Arboretum a community garden.

The Holmes Foundation provided the funds to modify the site for the outdoor classroom and the arbor for vining plants, and the Holmes Grenada Campus was responsible for enhancing the sidewalk system and constructed an entrance with the Holmes “H.”

“The entrance with the Holmes “H” was a special ‘Haffey Touch,’” Dr. Nipper said. “We are very grateful to Dr. Haffey for his support as vice president of the Holmes Grenada Campus during the inception of this project, and his influence in its completion.”



COLBY WINS FULL-TIME CONTEST



Holmes student David Colby of Clinton was announced the lucky winner of the Fall Full-Time Contest on Oct. 26. His prize? A 2016 Honda Rancher 4x4, Holmes special edition! Colby, a pre-medical student on the Ridgeland Campus, was chosen from the pool of 4,000 Holmes students from 71 counties who registered for 16 hours or more this fall semester.

President of Holmes Dr. Jim Haffey, with the help of Vice President Dr. Don Burnham, Director of Marketing Bronwyn Martin, Officer Carzell Cavett and a handful of Ridgeland Ambassadors, surprised Colby with the exciting news in the middle of his English Composition class with Dr. Andrew Kelly. After a short prank by Dr. Haffey, Dr. Burnham and Officer Cavett led Colby to believe he had committed a "vehicle violation," the others burst into the classroom, balloons in hand. Colby was rendered speechless as Martin excitedly informed him how he could pick up his brand new 4-wheeler, which he had the opportunity to ride in the Holmes Homecoming Parade on Oct. 29. Holmes is grateful to Got Gear for sponsoring the prize giveaway, and plans to make the Fall Full-Time Contest an annual event.

REEVES SELECTED TO VISIT NASA



Robert Reeves, a student in the Industrial Engineering Management Technology program on the Ridgeland Campus, was selected to travel to NASA's Stennis Space Center in October of 2016 to participate in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars project (NCAS).

"Ever since I was a child, I wanted to be an astronaut, like every other kid," Reeves said. "The difference is, I'm actually getting the opportunity to pursue that career. One of my instructors, Lynn Boykin, knew about my interests in aerospace engineering and informed me about the NASA program. It has been a wonderful experience so far, and I am so grateful to her for that."

The five-week scholars program culminated with a four-day on-site event at Stennis Space Center and offered students the opportunity to interact with NASA engineers and others as they learned more about careers in science and engineering. While at NASA, students formed teams and established fictional companies interested in Mars exploration. Each team was responsible for developing and testing a prototype rover, forming a company infrastructure, managing a budget, and developing communications and outreach. The on-site experience at NASA included a tour of facilities and briefings by NASA subject matter experts.

Pictured above: Reeves with his instructor Lynn Boykin.

LADY BULLDOGS FINISH 2ND IN MACJC/REGION XXIII TOURNAMENT



The Lady Bulldogs finished second in the MACJC/Region XXIII on Oct. 30 after falling to the Jones County Junior College, 6-1, in the State Tournament finals at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College at Perkinston. With the loss, the Lady Bulldogs finished the season with a 14-2 record. Women's Associate Head Soccer Coach Wesley Noble is proud of his team's effort during the season and in the playoffs.

"We knew coming in that Jones was a good team," Noble said. "We came in with the mindset that we deserved to be there. Our girls fought all the way to the end."

Holmes scored in the second half on a goal from Bailey Harper off an assist from Sarah Donahoo. "She (Donahoo) was able to beat the girl and slid it across and Bailey finished it," he said. "It was great."

"I'm so proud of the girls. It's all because of the sophomore leadership. It's our first time to ever do this. It's just been an epic year for the girls."

Noble is expecting big things out of the players returning and those added on signing day. "We are excited about the class we have coming in," he said. "We definitely plan on being back next year."

The Bulldog fans went to Perkinston to support the Lady Bulldogs. "The fans were very enthusiastic," he said.

"We knew we were going to have a hostile crowd playing at Gulf Coast. They helped with that and evened it out a bit. Everybody is proud of the girls and wants to support the team because of how well they've done."

"We are proud of what the girls have accomplished this season," Head Soccer Coach Matt Convertino said.

"We've taken the program to new levels. I'm proud of the effort of the entire team but especially of Coach Noble stepping up in his first year as associate head coach. We had a fantastic effort from our sophomore class. We'll miss them dearly."

"Wesley is an extremely aggressive and fantastic recruiter," he said. "I think we're going to turn some heads with the 2017 signing class."

Convertino is also proud of the fan support this season. "Ours fans have been there for us all year," he said.

"They've been that 12th man for us. When the game got a little intense, they were there for us and we appreciate that."

Against Gulf Coast, Noble said the Lady Bulldogs were ready to play. "We came out firing," Noble said. "We were excited to be there and we played really well."

Kendal Walsh scored a goal in the 11th minute off an assist from Brooke Burrell, and Britain Welzien scored a goal off an assist from Walsh in the 46th minute.

"It was a very good first half," he said. "The second half we went through a spell of 12-15 when they were very dangerous. We got a little off our game, but after that we settled in. Gulf Coast is a great team. It's always difficult to beat a good team twice in one year."

BULLDOG CHEERLEADERS PLACE 6TH IN NATION



The Holmes cheerleaders placed 6th in the Open Coed Division at the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) College Cheerleading National Championship held Jan. 13-15 at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. The team is coached by Heatheer Jones.

Pictured are *(front row, left to right)* Kristen Dirago, Elizabeth Lowery, Allie Dunn, Denise Flowers, Kayla Dowdy, Kaitlyn Sloan, Taylor Sullivan, Shelby Grantham, Abby Singletary, Emileigh Hearn, Asia Purvis, Christina White, *(back row, left to right)* Micheal Edmonds, Tre Russell, Darrian Oliver, Paschal Massey, Lamar Land, Marquell Sanders, Lane Spell, James Cobb, Dalton Veazey, Anderrious Donalson, Tre Wright, Rodrick Russell, and Jason Ables.





THE GRAPHIC EDGE BOWL

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA



CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – The Holmes Community College Bulldogs made history December 4, 2016, by winning their first NJCAA Bowl with a 28-21 win over the Iowa Western Community College Reivers in the Graphic Edge Bowl. Holmes trailed 21-14 at halftime, but the Holmes defense stiffened in the second half, and the offense used big plays to pull out the win.

Holmes went into the game ranked No. 9 in the NJCAA, but they came out as Graphic Edge Bowl Champions and after Monday's poll following the game, the Bulldogs finished the year as the No. 7-ranked team and 7-3 overall. The Bulldogs' appearance in a bowl game was the first in 28 years. Holmes is 1-2 in NJCAA bowl games.

“We found a way to win,” Holmes Head Coach Jeff Koonz said. “It’s a great day to be a Bulldog.

“We have a great coaching staff who have been on trips like this before,” he said.

“They did a great job preparing these kids for this. These kids deserve to be champions. They do things right on and off the field, and we are really proud of them.”

Sophomore receiver D.J. Montgomery from Durant was named the game’s Most Valuable Offensive Player while sophomore defensive end Desmond Lester of Batesville was named the game’s Most Valuable Defensive Player. Montgomery finished the game with seven catches for 205 yards and two touchdowns, one from 30 in the second quarter and one from 54 in the third quarter. Lester finished the game with only eight tackles but added one sack, four tackles for loss but had two key fumble recoveries.



LAWRENCE AWARDED PATRIOT AWARD



IN THIS PHOTO: Pictured are *(left to right)* ESGR Area 4 Chair Joyce Robinson, Ridgeland Campus Dean Tonya Lawrence, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey, and chemistry instructor Dr. Troy Milliken. Robinson presented Lawrence with the Patriot Award on Feb. 2 on Holmes' Ridgeland Campus. Dr. Milliken nominated the dean for the award because of her support of his military training time as an Army chaplain.

Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Academic Dean Tonya Lawrence was presented with a Patriot Award from the Mississippi Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) on Thursday, Feb. 2. She received a framed Patriot Award certificate and accompanying lapel pin as part of the award, presented by ESGR Area 4 Chair Joyce Robinson.

"I am very proud to have received the Patriot Award," Lawrence said. "I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with individuals who are dedicated to serving our country and am honored by Dr. Milliken's nomination."

Lawrence was nominated for the award by Dr. Kenneth Troy Milliken, a Holmes chemistry instructor on the Ridgeland Campus. Dr. Milliken, who serves as an Army Reserve Brigade Chaplain (MAJOR) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, nominated Lawrence for recognition because of her support of his military training time.

"I have been an Army Chaplain for eight years, and my main duties are performing chapel services and counseling soldiers," Dr. Milliken said. "Specifically, I am in charge of Battalion Chaplains in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. I nominated Dean Lawrence for this award because of her support of my Army duties when I must take leave and her support of the military in general."

Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey added, "I am very proud that the Holmes faculty and staff serve and support our nation's great military. There is not anything more important than defending the freedom of our students, employees and communities. It is rewarding for us to have Tonya honored by her own faculty who understand firsthand what true sacrifice is. I am very thankful for her, Dr. Milliken, and all of our students and staff who serve. We remain committed to working with anyone who is willing to help our military."

ESGR, a Department of Defense program, seeks to foster a culture in which all employers support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States.

The Patriot Award was created by ESGR to publicly recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees. According to ESGR's website, the award reflects the efforts made to support citizen warriors through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families, and granting leaves of absence if needed.



PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS BOAST 100 PERCENT PASS RATE



Pictured: The Ridgeland Campus Practical Nursing Class of 2016.

The Holmes Community College's practical nursing (PN) programs on all three campuses had a 100 percent pass rate on the National NCLEX exam.

"I am extremely proud of our students, as well as the faculty for their dedication in preparing our students for the NCLEX-PN exam," said Holmes Practical Nursing Department Chair Christi Blair. "Our program has a strong history of producing exemplary LPNs for our district and the State of Mississippi."

To add to the magnitude of the accomplishment, Blair explained, "We have always had good board scores but have never had 100 percent pass rate on all three campuses." Every one of the practical nursing students passed the National NCLEX-PN exam on their first try.

"We are so excited to know that we had a 100 percent board pass rate district-wide for the class of 2016," said Dr. Lakesia Sutton, practical nursing instructor on the Ridgeland Campus. "The students were very receptive to the materials given and a joy to work with."

The practical nursing graduates on the Ridgeland Campus were: Cameron Brown, Amanda Edwards, Jennifer Gore, Haley Greer, Lindsey Impastato, Mary Maier, Sharmeshia Manuel, Carmen McKey, and Crystel Sayles. Dr. Sutton and Heather Roberts are the Ridgeland instructors.

The 2016 practical nursing graduates on the Goodman Campus were: Teondra Carter, Kaitlin Fowler, Samantha Hibner, Blake Holly, Keaira Jones, Precious Kern, Kally Kirk, Skyla McIntyre, Noah Mincy, Sarah Sepaugh, and Whitney Wilson. Christi Blair and Tammy Caldwell are the instructors in Goodman.

For the Grenada Campus, graduates included: Janie Arbuckle, Rachel Brewer, Laura Fonseca, Shannon Foster, Carley Hamby, Dustie Hood, Zoranna Jones, Amber King, McKenzie King, Jearica McBride, Melanie Mitchell, Kayla Nichols, Kelsie Owens, Amanda Rowland, Christina Shirley Davis, Tiffany Smith, Tiffany Tillman, Brittany Wallace, and Erin Wheeler. Janice Avery and Carolyn Case are the instructors in Grenada.

"Carolyn and I are so excited about the 100 percent pass rate as this was our second year in a row (on the Grenada Campus) to get the 100 percent," Avery said. "We love all the students and wish them only the best. They might not understand now why we pushed them to study and be successful as a person and a nurse, but one day they will look back and know. One of these graduates might one day be our replacements and will have to say, 'I know what you're going through, but it's for your own good.'"



Pictured: *(above)* The Goodman PN Class of 2016 graduates, and *(below)* The Grenada PN Class of 2016 graduates.





Home Coming

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Spirited

HOMECOMING 2016

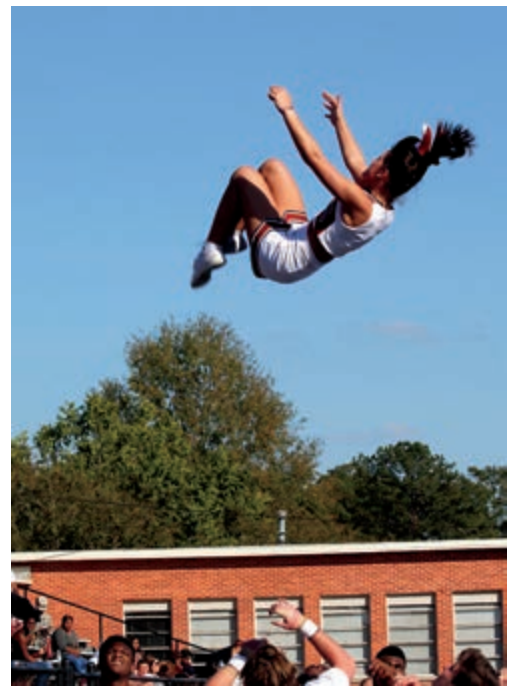
On Saturday, Oct. 29, Holmes Community College held its 91st annual Homecoming celebration on the Goodman Campus. The day began with a former employee reunion, a softball alumni game, an intersquad baseball game and a basketball scrimmage, and continued on with fun activities for all.

The four Alumni Honorees were recognized in a ceremony in McDaniel Auditorium, followed by a high-energy performance by Holmes Connection! show choir. After a lunch in The Grove that included performances by the Steel Band, attendees had the opportunity to hear the Coachmen singers and Choral perform.

Everyone then gathered for the annual Homecoming Parade which concluded with the pep rally, led by the Bulldog Cheerleaders. Prior to the 3 p.m. kick-off against the Itawamba Community College Indians, the Alumni Honorees were recognized on the field, and the Coachmen and Choral led the crowd in the "National Anthem."

During halftime, the 2016 Homecoming Court was presented and LaQuisha Johnson was crowned queen. The evening concluded with a Bulldog victory, 63-49 over the Indians.







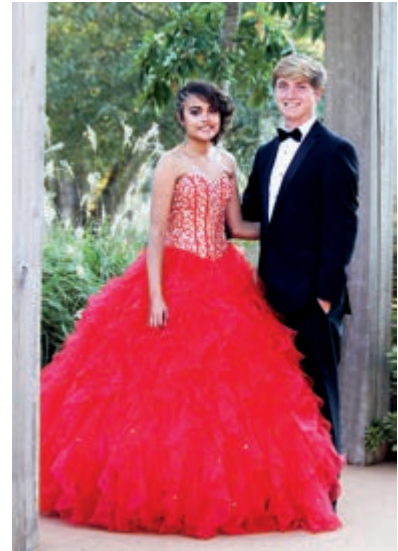
**Goodman Freshman Maid
Shelby Turner and Escort
Timothy Wallace**



**Goodman Freshman Maid
Juliet Warriner and Escort
Sam Hudson**



**Goodman Sophomore
Maid Taylor Cade and
Escort Collin Different**



**Goodman Sophomore Maid
Whitney Matthews and
Escort Logan Ledbetter**



**Ridgeland Freshman Maid
Alanna Campbell and
Escort Joseph Talley**



**Ridgeland Freshman Maid
Carleigh Achee and Escort
Davis Edwards**



**Ridgeland Sophomore
Maid Payton Earley and
Escort Neil Jenkins**



**Ridgeland Sophomore
Maid Catherine Petro and
Escort Tim Wade**



**Grenada Freshman Maid
Danielle Mitchell and
Escort Jamaris Davis**



**Grenada Freshman Maid
Ashlee Bennett and Escort
Will Tartt**



**Grenada Sophomore Maid
Ashley Hatch and Escort
Jarron McKinley**



**Grenada Sophomore Maid
Chelsea Wright and Escort
Nartavious Miers**



**Aurieus Myers escorting
2016 Homecoming Queen
LaQuisha Johnson**



**Goodman Student Body
Maid Nikki Merchant and
Escort Griffin Turner**



**Grenada Student Body
Maid Emily Lamkin and
Escort Taylor Vance**



**Ridgeland Student Body
Maid Kaitlin Hill and
Escort Hayden Welch**



Alumni

We are...

Proud

2016 Alumnus of the Year



Pictured (left to right) President of Holmes **Dr. Jim Haffey** presents the Alumnus of the Year award to **Johnny A. "Bit" Belk**.

The 2016 Alumnus of the Year recipient is Johnny A. "Bit" Belk (Class of '58). The award was presented on Oct. 29 at this year's Homecoming Celebration held on the Goodman Campus.

When asked what his favorite memory at Holmes was, Belk replied, "My most memorable memories at HCC were the jukebox in the Canteen playing all the 1950's hits, the football games, and the many friends I made there that are still some of my best friends today."

Belk, always speaking fondly of his beloved Holmes, also noted that, "The instructors were always very dedicated to their profession and concerned for their students' well-being. They did a nice job preparing us all for the next level of education and the next phases in our lives."

A 1956 graduate of Ethel High School, Belk completed his degree at Holmes before

transferring to the University of Southern Mississippi. He served as a member of the Mississippi National Guard from 1959-66, and in the midst of his service, earned his bachelor's degree from Southern Miss in 1962. Since his days of being a dedicated college student, Belk has continued to serve in leadership roles, both in his career and in the community.

Belk worked for the Chevron Corporation for 30 years, holding a number of positions in various locations across the country. He worked as a construction accountant in the Pascagoula Refinery, as manager of financial accounting in Louisville, Kentucky, and as the general manager of marketing accounting in San Francisco, California. In 1998, the Chevron Corporation and Chevron Retirees Association presented him with the Most Outstanding Public Service Award.

Although his career took him all over the United States, Belk was happy to return to and retire in Mississippi. Since his return to the Magnolia State, he has served as a member of the State Workforce Development Council, commissioner of Attala Soil and Water Conservation District, president of Ethel High School Alumni Association, and secretary-treasurer of Tabernacle Cemetery Commission. He also served as the chief of Providence Volunteer Fire Department for 11 years.

For his alma mater, Belk has served as chairman of the Holmes Workforce Development Council, as a member of the Holmes Development Foundation Board of Governors and Directors, and as president of the Holmes Alumni Association. Not only did Holmes present him with the 1997 Special Service Award, he has also received the 2011 Distinguished Service Award and the Alumni Association Appreciation Award.

He and his wife of over 54 years, Elizabeth Kimbell Belk, reside in their hometown Ethel. They have two children; daughter Kim Belk Libroth of Tallahassee, Florida, and son Jeffrey Belk of Vancleave. Kim and her husband Andre have a son, Steven, and Jeffery and his wife Cindy have four children: Savannah, David, Colin and Andrew.

Belk and his wife are active members of Tabernacle United Methodist Church, where he is a Charge Lay Leader and Sunday school teacher.

2016

Distinguished Service Award

The 2016 Distinguished Service Award recipient is Dr. John Lee (J.L.) Peeples, Jr. (class of '63). He is the owner and operator of Peeples Pecan Company located in Starkville. The award was presented on Oct. 29 at this year's Homecoming Celebration held on the Goodman Campus.

"Two of the best years of my life were spent at Holmes," Dr. Peeples said. "I had great experiences at Mississippi State University and Auburn University, but the best times were at Holmes. I didn't know a soul when I entered the campus on that Sunday afternoon after riding a Trailways bus for 18 hours from Jacksonville, Florida. From the very beginning, I received a warm welcome from faculty and fellow students. Friendships were established that have lasted a lifetime. I was privileged to room for two years with Rev. James Young who to this day is a very special friend."

As a student at Holmes, Dr. Peeples not only established lifelong friendships, but also made a name for himself. He was voted as Freshman Intellect, Student Body President, and Mr. Holmes Junior College.

"My first Thanksgiving in Mississippi was spent in the home of Clinton Tompkins and the next Thanksgiving with Hank James and his family. These were the best of times and these friendships will last forever. Even now about 35 to 40 of us gather three or four times a year for a meal and fun and fellowship. We enjoy reminiscing about our HJC days and we never get tired of telling the same stories over and over again. Abraham Lincoln said 'The better part of one's life consists of his friendships' and that most certainly applies with Holmes friends. Also, our president, Mr. Frank Branch, was the very best. He cared deeply about HJC and he looked after us as if we were his very own. Of all my college instructors and professors some of the best were at Holmes. They were dedicated, well-prepared, caring, and took a special interest in each and every student."

Upon graduating from Holmes, Dr. Peeples earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University before obtaining his PhD from Auburn University. Before opening his own business, he worked as a research plant pathologist at the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware, and then as a plant disease specialist and later district director of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service/Mississippi State University.

Dr. Peeples has received a number of awards over the years, including the Career Guidance Award from Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, the first ever Outstanding Plant Pathologist Award for Southeastern United States, and the designation as honorary "Tator Boy" by the Mississippi Sweet Potato Growers Association. He has also served as president for and received the Distinguished Service Award from the FarmHouse Fraternity Alumni Association.

"Last but certainly not least," Dr. Peeples said, "it was through my HJC friends from Kilmichael that I met Lynette, my wife and best friend, and we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this year."

Dr. Peeples and his wife have three children: John Lee Peeples, III, Bradford Howell Peeples, and David Coleman Peeples. The Peeples also have eight grandchildren: Brittany Leigh Peeples Fowler, 25; John Lee Peeples, IV, 23; Hunter Prestel Peeples, 20; Morgan Kelli Peeples, 19; Mary Katelyn Peeples, 16; Carter Coleman Peeples, 12; Chase Aldy Peeples, 9, and Cooper Howell Peeples, 5.



Pictured (left to right) is President of Holmes Dr. Jim Haffey presenting the Distinguished Service Award to **Dr. J.L. Peeples**.

2016

Young Alumna of the Year



Pictured is (left to right) President of Holmes **Dr. Jim Haffey** presenting the Young Alumna of the Year award to **Dr. Diana Rone Tate**.

The 2016 Young Alumna of the Year is Kosciusko native and current Brandon resident Dr. Diana Rone Tate. The award was presented on Oct. 29 at this year's Homecoming Celebration held on the Goodman Campus.

Dr. Tate, a 2001 Holmes graduate, holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in speech and hearing science and a Master of Audiology from USM. She also attended Hinds, Mississippi College and Belhaven University for her medical school prerequisites.

She is currently a pediatric resident at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She served as an audiologist at UMMC and the Ear, Nose and Throat Surgical Group during the 2005-2011 years.

At Holmes, Dr. Tate served as president of the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was also the MS/LA Regional Secretary of Phi Theta Kappa. She was a member of the Dazzlers dance team, Choir and Coachmen, Steel Band, Scholar's Bowl, Ambassador and served as a student tutor. Her awards at Holmes included: President's Scholarship, Kelly Gene Cook Scholarship, Dean's List, Miss Holmes CC, Sophomore Homecoming Maid, All-MS Academic Team, Holmes Hall of Fame and valedictorian.

She also received the following awards after leaving Holmes: USM, Dean's List; Hinds CC, Dean's List and Chemistry Award; and UMMC, MS Rural Physician Scholar (awarded to students pursuing primary care specialty with a desire to practice in a rural area), The Gold Humanism Honor Society inductee (awarded to medical students demonstrating excellence in professionalism and humanistic attributes) and the Charles Preston Winters Scholarship (awarded to a senior medical student wishing to pursue pediatrics). Dr. Tate received the Frohn Award (Outstanding Pediatric Intern) and Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award, both in 2016.

Dr. Tate and her husband, Jason, have three children, Rone Thomas, Edie and Max.

2016

World War II Honoree

The 2016 Holmes World War II Honoree recipient is Montpelier native Burnis Theodore Gardner (Class of '50). The award was presented on Oct. 29 at this year's Homecoming Celebration held on the Goodman Campus.

Gardner met his wife at Holmes Junior College when she attended from 1949-1950. "We got married on Aug. 18, 1950, and just celebrated 66 years together," Gardner said.

A World War II veteran, Gardner was a member of the



Pictured is (left to right) President of Holmes **Dr. Jim Haffey** presenting the World War II Honoree **Burnis Theodore Gardner** with a plaque.

Sixth Marine Division serving in Okinawa. He served as a U.S. Marine from June of 1944 to August of 1946, attended Holmes Junior College from 1948-1950, and then returned as a U.S. Marine to serve in the Korean War from September of 1950 to November of 1951. Upon returning from war, he completed his Bachelor of Science degree in 1955 followed by his master's in 1958, both from Mississippi Southern College (today known as the University of Southern Mississippi).

Now retired, Gardner taught industrial arts (mechanical drawing and shop) for over 30 years in the Jackson Public School system, teaching at both Siwell Junior High and Hardy Junior High School. Today, he and his wife, Clytice Robertson Gardner, reside in Brandon.



Student Honors

We are...

Leaders

Ridgeland



Hayden Welch and Simone Lewis are Mr. and Miss Holmes Ridgeland

Welch, son of Jennifer Shortt and Danny Welch, is a graduate of Northwest Rankin High School. He is an Ambassador, the goalkeeper for the soccer team, and participated in Phi Theta Kappa honor society his freshman year. Welch is a Dean's List scholar who volunteers for TOPSoccer and also for Abby Rogers Civitan Camp.

Upon graduating from Holmes, Welch plans to attend either The University of Southern Mississippi or Delta State University to major in exercise science or kinesiology. Afterward, he plans to continue his studies at William Carey University in the physical therapy field. Finally, after five years of working as a physical therapist, Welch would like to specialize in pediatrics.

Lewis is the daughter of Danita and Anthony Clay, as well as Levall and LaMelody Lewis. She is a graduate of Yazoo County High School, where she graduated as valedictorian in 2015. Lewis is active on the Ridgeland Campus, serving as an Ambassador, Student Government Association president, a volunteer in the science department, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Outside of Holmes, she is an usher and youth tutor at her church, Greater Pearlie Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

In 2016, Lewis was selected as an intern for the SURE Program (Summer Undergraduate Research Experience) at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in the neuroscience research lab. Upon graduating from Holmes, Lewis plans to pursue her BSN and ultimately become a nurse practitioner.

"I have really enjoyed my time at Holmes, and I will always remember the wonderful times I had here," Lewis said.

Taylor Vance and Emily Lamkin are Mr. and Miss Holmes Grenada

Vance, son of Jeff and Leigh Vance, is a graduate of Grenada High School. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Student Union, Ambassadors, is a William Winter Student Scholar award recipient, president of the Student Government Association, and editor of The Growl. Upon graduating, he plans to transfer to the University of Mississippi and major in journalism, then attend law school.

"My time here at Holmes has been a great experience," Vance said. "Holmes has provided an excellent foundation for my college studies, while cultivating an atmosphere that makes me and everyone else feel like a family."

Lamkin, daughter of Dwayne and Martha Lamkin, is also a graduate of Grenada High School. At Holmes, she is an Ambassador, vice president of service for Phi Theta Kappa, secretary for Student Government Association, and on the leadership team for Baptist Student Union. With BSU, she volunteers with the Ronald McDonald House.

Lamkin, a President's List scholar, was named Homecoming Student Body Maid, and to the Mississippi All-State Academic Team for Phi Theta Kappa. Outside of Holmes, Lamkin helps lead worship for the children at Emmanuel Baptist Church, and has worked as a staff member for M4 summer kids camp. After graduating from Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Grenada



Mr. & Miss Holmes

Goodman



Michael Edmonds and Bailee Barrett are Mr. and Miss Holmes Goodman

Edmonds, the son of Arthur Allen and Tammy Edmonds, is a graduate of Yazoo County High School. Active in student life at Holmes, he is a member of the Bulldog cheerleading squad, an Ambassador, a member of MOSAIC, a Horizons yearbook staff member, and president of Student Government Association. Edmonds also enjoys photography in his spare time. Upon graduating from Holmes, Edmonds plans to continue his role as a bulldog mascot, only now for Mississippi State University, where he will major in a communications-related field.

“Going to Holmes was definitely the best thing I ever did,” Edmonds said. “The memories that I made at Holmes will last for a lifetime, it was and will forever be a place I can call home.”

Barrett, the daughter of Angela Berch and Matthew Barrett, is a graduate of Terry High School. She is extremely active on the Goodman Campus, where she plays the trumpet in the marching and concert bands, and plays the third bass drum in the indoor drumline. Barrett is also a member of HolmesPlus and Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

“I am so glad that I made the choice to come to Holmes,” Barrett said. “I love the atmosphere here and I have met many friends here that will be a part of my life for many years and I have made memories that will last forever.”



Community College



Brooke Ann Alvis of Madison is a 4.0 liberal arts major. She is a President's List scholar and Phi Theta Kappa honor society member. Outside of school, she is a babysitter. In the future, she would like to attend culinary school and possibly open up a bakery.



Yoel Mauricio Bacallao of Richland is a construction engineering technology major with a 3.93 GPA. Bacallao is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an ACT Merit Scholar, a President's List Scholar, and a member of the Bulldog men's soccer team. After Holmes, he plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in civil engineering. Bacallao then plans to seek employment in either a private sector engineering firm or work for the state as an engineer.



Kristin Boykin of Madison is a pre-law major with a 3.64 GPA. Before deciding to come to Holmes as a college student, Boykin took dual enrollment classes through Holmes her senior year at Ridgeland High School. Her freshman year, she began full-time under the Dean's ACT Scholarship, and excelled as a President's List scholar. Phi Theta Kappa has been the staple of Boykin's involvement at Holmes. She participated in Fall Fest preparations, cheese sales, and assisting the leadership team with both their Honors in Action Project and College Project. This included giving a public presentation on emotional intelligence, both on campus and to employees at Terry Services in Ridgeland. After Holmes, Boykin will attend The University of Mississippi as a political science major and then apply for law school.

Hall of Fame

Mary Katherine Campbell of Flowood is a nursing major with a 3.75 GPA. Campbell is the center-midfielder for the Lady Bulldogs soccer team, who placed second in the state championship. She is a scholar-athlete, as well, who received the NJCAA Academic Award, the Sportsmanship Award, was chosen for the MACJC All-Star team, and played on the Northern Division soccer team who won the championship. Campbell is also a President's List scholar and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Outside of Holmes, she volunteers for Stewpot, TOPSoccer, and serves as a soccer camp instructor for Kosciusko Elementary and Provine High School. Campbell is attending Belhaven University to play on the women's soccer team.



Kaitlin Obion Hill of Olive Branch is a sports medicine/exercise science major with a 3.43 GPA. Hill is a defender for the Lady Bulldogs soccer team, and received the Bulldog Award her sophomore year. She was also voted Sophomore Class Favorite and Sophomore Homecoming Maid for the Ridgeland Campus. Hill is an Ambassador, Student Government Association secretary, and a President's List scholar. She will attend Belhaven University and play soccer there while studying to become a physical therapist assistant and also an athletic trainer.



Wyatt Horne of Ridgeland is a mechanical engineering major with a 3.53 GPA. Horne is a Dean's List scholar, a President's List scholar, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He is also an adult choir member for First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, a student mentor for First Presbyterian Jackson Student Ensemble, and a member of the Mississippi Chorus. Horne has been accepted to the Bagley College of Engineering at Mississippi State University and plans to pursue a career in alternative energy when he graduates from MSU.



Ridgeland



Simone Lewis of Yazoo City is a 4.0 pre-nursing student. Lewis is an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa member, volunteer for the science department, a President's List scholar, and the 2017 Miss Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus. She also received the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarship and was chosen as a summer intern for the SURE (Summer Undergraduate Research Experience) Program in the neuroscience research lab at University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). Lewis volunteers as an usher and a youth tutor at Greater Pearlie Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She has been accepted into UMMC's nursing program, and plans to eventually become a nurse practitioner.



Anna Mullins of Flora is a pre-medical major with a 3.83 GPA. Mullins is the college projects officer for Phi Theta Kappa honor society, a Dean's List scholar, and a President's List scholar. Her first step after graduating Holmes will be to obtain her bachelor's degree in biochemistry. Then, she plans to go to medical school to become an otolaryngologist.



Jaci Murphy of Gulfport is an exercise science major with a 3.36 GPA. Murphy is vice president of outreach for Phi Theta Kappa honor society, which she has been a member of both years at Holmes. She is also a member of the Lady Bulldogs soccer team and helped lead the team to break multiple records during the 2016 season. This was the first time for the Lady Bulldogs to be ranked first in the Northern Division and to attend the state championship. After Holmes, Murphy is transferring to Belhaven University to obtain her bachelor's in exercise science. While earning her degree, she will also be a part of their women's soccer program. Murphy eventually plans to attend occupational therapy school and become a pediatric occupational therapist.

Hall of Fame

Catherine Petro of Kosciusko is an exercise science/ kinesiology major with a 3.78 GPA. Petro is the midfielder for the Lady Bulldogs soccer team, and received the Bulldog Award her sophomore year. She was also named MACJA Academic All-State and received the NJCAA Academic All American Pinnacle Award her freshman year. Petro is a President's List scholar and a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She was also voted Sophomore Homecoming Maid.



Aundria Price of Ridgeland is a pre-physical therapy major. Price is an Ambassador, a Dean's List scholar, a Student Government Association representative, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Team in the spring of 2017 alongside four other Homes students. Price enjoys reading and watching movies in her spare time. She is employed at Plato's Closet, and is an active member of Mt. Charity Church. After Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi as a pre-medicine major and eventually attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center.



Maria Ramirez of Clinton is a pre-medical major with a 3.82 GPA. Ramirez is a President's List scholar, an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the Social Science Club, a volunteer for Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children and a lab teaching assistant for the Biology Department. She is also an active member of Saint Peter's Catholic Church and has worked for Suit City in Jackson and Los Amigos Mexican Restaurant. The daughter of Gabriela and Jose Ramirez, she plans to attend Mississippi College to acquire a Bachelor of Science in Biology-Medical Sciences. After earning her bachelor's, she plans to attend medical school and become an OB/GYN.



Ridgeland



Darnell Deshon Campbell, Sr., of Kosciusko is a sociology major with a 3.73 GPA. Campbell is president of MOSAIC, a tutor for MOSAIC, a Community Learning Center tutor, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He is also a barber in Kosciusko and an active member of United Methodist Church of Kosciusko. Campbell participated in the National African American Read-In program held at Holmes, and is part of the Honors Forum Social Behavioral Science classes. His freshman year, he placed second in a local writing competition, and participated with the drama production creation team.



Gabrielle Nicole Merchant of Lexington is a communications major with a 3.75 GPA. Merchant is an Ambassador, and a member of Connection! show choir, the choral, Baptist Student Union, Student Government Association, MOSAIC, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Football Spirit Team. She is a Dean's List scholar, Student Body Homecoming Maid, and was named to the Parade of Beauties Top Five both years. Merchant also served as a reporter on Holmes football her freshman year, and was chosen as the focus of a recruiting video featured on the Holmes website orientation page her sophomore year.



Brittany Nicole Moffett of Kosciusko is an accounting major with a 3.87 GPA. Moffett serves on the Baptist Student Union leadership team, and is a Phi Theta Kappa officer, an evening tutor for Mosaic, a work-study for the Office of Admissions, and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was also part of the Social Science Behavior Honors Class her freshman year and named a PTK Distinguished Chapter Member. Moffett is a member of Doty Spring Baptist Church, and helps raise her fiancé's family's goats and horses. After Holmes, she will attend Mississippi State University to earn a bachelor's in accounting and a master's in either accounting or business administration.

Hall of Fame

Kelli Ann Ray of Maben is a pre-nursing major with a 3.95 GPA. Ray is a President's List scholar, an Ambassador, a choir member, SGA secretary, and on the lead team for BSU and for FCA. She serves as a tutor for MOSAIC, was named a Class Favorite both her freshman and sophomore year, and was a member of the Dazzlers dance team her freshman year. Ray was also named to Parade of Beauties Top 10 both years.



William Lane Spell of Lexington is a mechanical engineering major with a 3.8 GPA. He has remained on the President's List throughout his time at Holmes. Spell is a member of the Holmes Plus, co-captain for the Bulldog cheerleaders, an Ambassador, treasurer of SGA, a regional officer for Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and a volunteer tutor. He was also voted Freshman Favorite and named the 2017 HEADWAE student for Holmes. Upon graduation, he will attend Mississippi State University as a mechanical engineer major.



Griffin Lee Turner of Sallis is a computer engineering major with a 3.8 GPA. Turner is an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa honor society president, a MOSAIC tutor, a member of Holmes Plus, and a President's List scholar. Turner is very involved with intramurals on campus. His freshman year, he served as a Trek Center work study student. During Homecoming 2016, he escorted the Student Body Maid Nikki Merchant.



Addie Mae Winters of McCool is a pre-physical therapy major with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Active in campus life, she is the Drum Major for the Holmes Marching Band, a member of the Steel Band, and involved in Student Support Services activities, including MOSAIC. Winters is also a President's List scholar. She is currently employed as a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) and in the future, plans to either attend Mississippi University for Women and major in kinesiology or apply for the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program on the Holmes Grenada Campus.



Goodman



Ashley Hatch of Grenada is a psychology major with a 4.0 GPA. She is a Dean's Scholarship recipient, a member of Baptist Student Union, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, through which she was named to the Mississippi All-State Academic Team. Hatch was named a Class Favorite her freshman year, and Class Favorite and Homecoming Maid her sophomore year. She is involved with a community service project with her Social Problems class, as well. Upon graduation from Holmes, Hatch plans to attend Delta State University to earn her bachelor's degree, followed by Mississippi State University to earn her master's.



Emily Lamkin of Grenada is a pre-nursing major with a 3.94 GPA. Some of her honors include: Miss Holmes Community College, President's List scholar, Sophomore Student Body Homecoming Maid, Mississippi All-State Academic Team, and Dean's Scholarship Recipient. Lamkin is Phi Theta Kappa vice president of service, Student Government Association secretary, Baptist Student Union member, and an Ambassador. She serves as the children's worship leader for Emmanuel Baptist Church, a staff member at M4 Summer Kids Camp, and a volunteer for Ronald McDonald House. After Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



Hannah Ritchie of Winona is a history major with a 3.92 GPA. She was named a Sophomore Favorite, and is a President's List's scholar and Dean's Scholarship recipient. Ritchie serves as Phi Theta Kappa chair of Honors in Action, Student Government Association reporter, and is involved in Baptist Student Union. She is also an Education Majors Club member and Writing Center tutor. Ritchie serves as a judge for the Grenada Elementary Reading Fair, as well. After Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi to major in history and minor in creative writing, eventually earning a PhD in history. Ritchie plans to pursue a career as a museum curator and part-time author.

Hall of Fame

Taylor Vance of Grenada is an English major with a 3.94 GPA. He is a Dean's Scholarship recipient, a Governor William Winter Student Scholar, and the current Mr. Holmes Community College. Vance was also named a Freshman Favorite, and honored with the English Department Honors Award. An active student-leader, he is Student Government Association president, Phi Theta Kappa president, Growl editor, and an Ambassador. Vance is also a Writing Center tutor and a member of Baptist Student Union. He volunteered as the public relations advisor and emcee for the Grenada Afterglow Film Festival, served as vice-chairman of the Grenada County Republican Party, and volunteers for the Grenada County Chamber of Commerce, as well. After graduation from Holmes, he plans to attend the University of Mississippi and major in journalism.



Hannah Waters of Duck Hill is a pre-occupational therapy major with a 3.88 GPA. She was the 2016 Miss Holmes Community College, a freshman Homecoming Maid, a President's List scholar, and a Dean's Scholarship recipient. Waters is an Ambassador, Student Government Association secretary, Phi Theta Kappa senior vice president, a Baptist Student Union member, and a work study student for the academic dean's office and the admissions office. She is an active member of Emmanuel Baptist of Grenada, a volunteer at the Grenada Soup Kitchen, and a volunteer with the Grenada Boys and Girls Club. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center and obtain a master's degree in occupational therapy.



Grenada



Carleigh Achee
Freshman Favorite



Johnna Davis
Freshman Favorite



Presley Grillette
Freshman Favorite



Kaitlin Hill
Sophomore Favorite



Jaylon Robinson
Sophomore Favorite



Tiffany Strain
Sophomore Favorite

Ridgeland Who's Who



Melanie Owah
Freshman Favorite



Joseph Talley
Freshman Favorite



Brooke Burrell
Sophomore Favorite



Not pictured:
Hannah Lee
Sophomore Favorite





Anderrious Donalson
Freshman Favorite



Kayla Dowdy
Freshman Favorite



Lamar Land
Freshman Favorite



Kelli Ray
Sophomore Favorite



Kaitlyn Sloan
Sophomore Favorite

Goodman Who's Who



Griffin Sekul
Freshman Favorite



Abby Singletary
Freshman Favorite



Juliet Warriner
Freshman Favorite

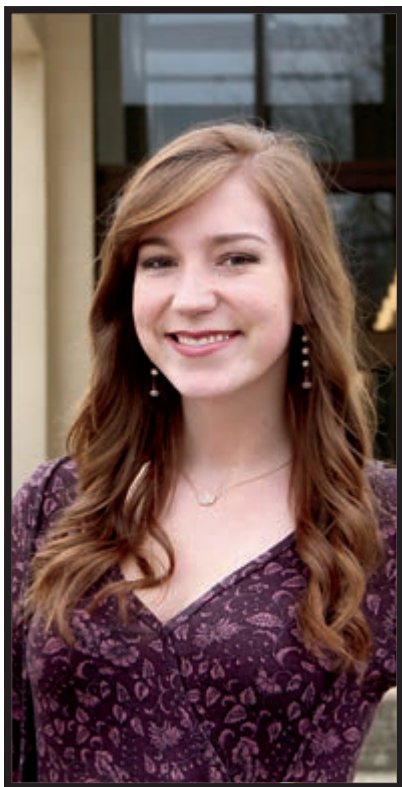


Lane Spell
Sophomore Favorite



Christina White
Sophomore Favorite

Goodman



Ashlee Bennett
Freshman Favorite



Hanna Paisley Burney
Freshman Favorite



Tate Glenn
Freshman Favorite



William Jake Liddell
Freshman Favorite



Logan Connor
Sophomore Favorite



Sara Taylor Goss
Sophomore Favorite



Ashley Hatch
Sophomore Favorite



Kaitlyn Legge
Sophomore Favorite

Grenada Who's Who



Danielle Mitchell
Freshman Favorite



Will Tartt
Freshman Favorite



Kaylan Ware
Freshman Favorite



Iyonna Collins
Sophomore Favorite



Hannah Ritchie
Sophomore Favorite



2017 PTK All-Mississ

Each year, every two-year college in the state may nominate up to two students per campus to the All-Mississippi Academic Team. Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community. Five Holmes Community College students were named to the Phi Theta Kappa 2016-2017 All-Mississippi Academic Teams. These ladies were honored at the Annual Recognition Luncheon held at the Mississippi State Capitol and the Jackson Convention Center on March 22, 2017.



Brittany Nicole Moffett, daughter of Joe Moffett and Iris Flanagan, is a graduate of Kosciusko High School. An accounting major on the Goodman Campus, she serves on the Baptist Student Union leadership team, and is a Phi Theta Kappa officer, an evening tutor for Mosaic, a work-study for the Office of Admissions, and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was also part of the Social Science Behavior Honors Class her freshman year and named a PTK Distinguished Chapter Member. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, listening to music, spending time with her fiancé and family. Moffett is a member of Doty Spring Baptist Church, and helps raise her fiancé's family's goats and horses. After Holmes, she will attend Mississippi State University to earn a bachelor's in accounting and a master's in either accounting or business administration. "I give my Holy Father above all the glory for my achievements," Moffett said.



Aundria Price, daughter of Aundra and Brenda Price, is a graduate of Ridgeland High School. A pre-physical therapy major on the Ridgeland Campus, she is an Ambassador, a Dean's List scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and a Student Government Association representative. She is also a Holmes 2017 Hall of Fame inductee. Price enjoys reading and watching movies in her spare time. She is employed at Plato's Closet, and is an active member of Mt. Charity Church. After Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi as a pre-medicine major and eventually attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Mississippi Academic Team

Daphna Jill Allen, daughter of Paul and Janice Allen, is a psychology major and Phi Theta Kappa member on the Ridgeland Campus. Allen completed her GED and is on the Holmes' President's List. She was also on the President's List as a student at Meridian Community College from 2015-2016. She stays busy with her children as a self-proclaimed full-time mom, housekeeper, errand-runner, chauffeur, soccer and baseball mom and personal finance coach. Allen is also active in her church and does volunteer work. She loves being outside and near the water. Upon graduating from Holmes, Allen plans to attend Mississippi College where she will pursue her bachelor's degree in psychology. She intends on continuing her studies until she obtains a Ph.D in psychology from Mississippi College.



Ashley Hatch, daughter of Bernard and Bonnie Hatch, is a graduate of Grenada High School. A psychology major on the Grenada Campus, Hatch is a member of the Baptist Student Union (BSU) in addition to Phi Theta Kappa. Her honors at Holmes include: Dean's List, Freshman Favorite, Sophomore Favorite, and Sophomore Homecoming Maid. In her free time, Hatch enjoys dancing, painting, singing, and shopping. Outside of Holmes, she attends dance classes and works at Charisma Dance Company. She has been teaching for three years, and dancing professionally for about seven. Hatch also sings in the choir and dances on the praise dance ministry at her church.

Emily Lamkin, daughter of Dwayne and Martha Lamkin, is a graduate of Grenada High School. A nursing major on the Grenada Campus, she is an Ambassador, vice president of service for Phi Theta Kappa, secretary for the Student Government Association, and on the leadership team for the Baptist Student Union. Some of Lamkin's honors include: President's List (freshman and sophomore), Homecoming Student Body Maid, and being named Miss Holmes Community College. Outside of Holmes, she helps lead worship for the children at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Lamkin also worked as a staff member for M4 Summer Kids Camp and as a Ronald McDonald House volunteer for BSU. She plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center to obtain a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nursing.



Phi Theta Kappa fares well at Nationals 2016

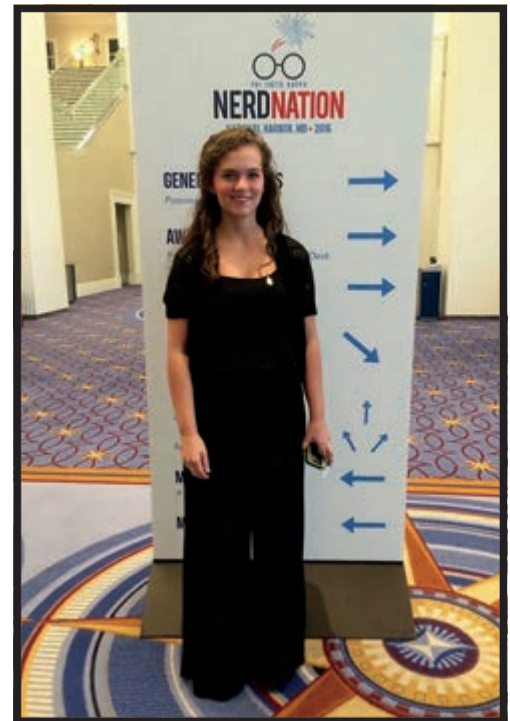
Twenty-two students, advisers and administrators from Holmes Community College attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in National Harbor, Maryland, April 7-9, and came back with some prestigious awards.

The Kappa Alpha Chapter from the Goodman Campus won a Distinguished Honors in Action Award, the Beta Alpha Continued Excellence Award and was named a Top 100 Chapter. The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter was also named a Top 100 Chapter.

Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham received a 2016 Distinguished Administrator Award. Dr. Burnham was one of 25 administrators receiving the award.

Ridgeland Campus student and Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter member Ashlynn Banks was elected to serve as the Division II International Vice President for the 2016-17 school year. The last Ridgeland Holmes student elected as an international officer was Kim Richardson Curtis. Michael Minga, a former Grenada Center student, was also an international officer from Holmes.

The Kappa Alpha Chapter also had two students receive individual awards. Anna McCrory was recognized as a Meme4Money Geico winner while Nicole Moffett was recognized as a Distinguished Chapter Member. Moffett was one of 30 chapter members receiving the award. While in Maryland, the students and administrators toured Washington, D.C.



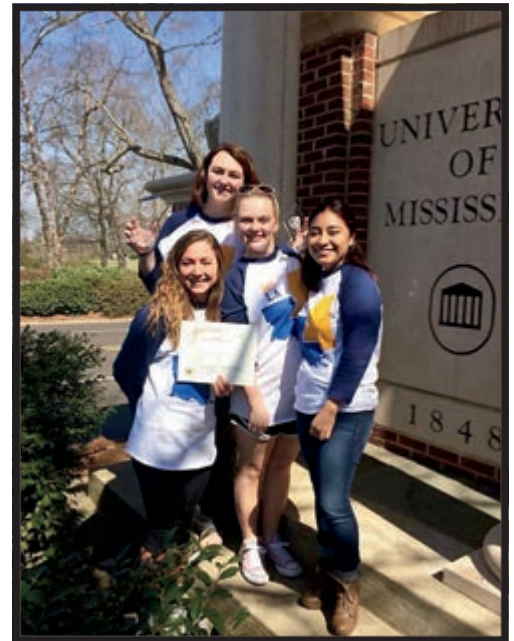
52 Pictured top right - Alpha Lambda Sigma Advisor, Erin Renfroe with Division II International Vice President, Ashlynn Banks of Ridgeland Campus. Pictured bottom left - Blair Booker, Dr. Burnham, and Erin Renfroe. Pictured bottom middle - Nicole Moffett, Goodman Campus. Pictured bottom right - Anna McCrory, Goodman Campus

Phi Theta Kappa shines at Regionals 2017



Each of the Holmes Phi Theta Kappa chapters fared well at the 2017 Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Convention held at the University of Mississippi March 3-5. Holmes had three students receive the Golden Key Award: Jared Potter from the Goodman Campus, Taylor Vance from Grenada, and Jaci Murphy from Ridgeland.

The Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, from the Goodman Campus, placed first in Honors in Action Theme V, fifth in Honors in Action, and fifth in Most Distinguished Chapter. The Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, from Grenada, was recognized as a Five-Star Chapter and got placed eighth in College Projects. The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, from Ridgeland, placed 10th in College Projects and was a runner-up for Theme II in Honors in Action.



Pictured at top - Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Ridgeland Campus.
Pictured above - Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Grenada Campus.
Pictured in the middle - Golden Key Recipients - Jared Porter, Taylor Vance, and Jaci Murphy.

Pictured to the left - Kappa Alpha Chapter of Goodman Campus.
Pictured above - Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter posing on the University of Mississippi's Campus after Awards Ceremony

SkillsUSA shines at state

The SkillsUSA chapters from all three Holmes Community College campuses successfully competed in the annual competition hosted by the Mississippi Department of Education at the Jackson Convention Center Feb. 28-March 1. The first place winners will be traveling to the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky, June 19-23.

Overall, Holmes took home 13 awards: seven from the Goodman Campus, four from Grenada, and two from Ridgeland. Goodman SkillsUSA students Jenna Cummings, Kevin Luckett, Lauren Martin, David Orduna, Ann Pohlig, Lakesha Rand, and Hallie Westbrook performed the official closing out of the meeting; an honor bestowed on them for winning first place in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies category. Morgan Lancaster and Ivory Smith also took home a first place win for Esthetics. Other Goodman students brought home medals, as well. Paige Hitt and Caitlyn Pounders placed third in the Nail Care division, Michelle McMullough placed third in Cosmetology, Todd Ingle placed third in Collision Repair, Josh Saxton placed third in Appliance Repair, and Clark Tyner placed third in Technical Math.

From the Grenada Campus, there were two first place and two second place wins. Brittany Starnes won first place in Medical Terminology, and Meredith Moore brought home first for First Aid/CPR. In the Job Interview category, Angela Stowers won second place, and Marlena Pendleton won second in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Ridgeland Campus students Dmorris Walker and Denzel Thompson both brought home third place wins from the competition. Walker placed third in Job Skill Demonstration, and Thompson in Job Interview.



Pictured is *(left to right)* welding instructor Nathan Hutchinson with his welding student Denzel M. Thompson.



Pictured is *(left)* Ridgeland Campus construction technology major Dmorris Walker with his engineering technology instructor and SkillsUSA adviser Heather Mooney.



Pictured are Goodman SkillsUSA students closing out the meeting; an honor bestowed on them for winning first place in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies category. They are *(left to right)* Ann Pohlig, Lauren Martin, Kevin Luckett, Hallie Westbrook, Lakesha Rand, David Orduna, and Jenna Cummings.



Pictured are the award-winning SkillsUSA students from the Goodman Campus. They are: *(sitting, left to right)* Paige Hitt, Caitlyn Pouders, *(front row standing, left to right)* Kevin Luckett, Lakesha Rand, Ann Pohlig, Michelle McCullough, Morgan Lancaster, Ivory Smith, Hallie Westbrook, Lauren Martin, *(back row, left to right)* Josh Saxton, David Orduna, Clark Tyner and Jenna Cummings.

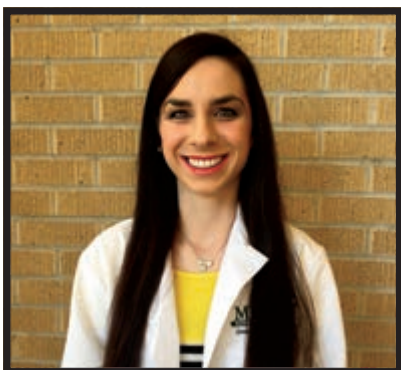


Pictured are Grenada Campus SkillsUSA advisers with their students who placed. They are: *(left to right)* adviser and surgical technology instructor Jessica Elliot, Brittany Starnes, Angela Stowers, Marlena Pendleton, Meredith Moore, and adviser and business & office technology instructor Lisa Wilbourn.



Pictured are all the SkillsUSA students from all campuses who competed in the competition.

Scholarship



Lily Fran McCrory



Lane Spell



Griffin Turner

Holmes alumna ('15) Lily Fran McCrory of Lexington decided to give back to her alma mater by establishing the McCrory Holmes Milestone Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded annually to graduates of Central Holmes Christian School who have completed their freshmen year at Holmes and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Students of any major are eligible to apply as long as they meet the other criteria. The first-ever recipients of the McCrory Scholarship are Lane Spell of Lexington and Griffin Turner of Sallis.

The daughter of Frankie and Robin McCrory, 21-year-old McCrory excelled at Holmes, graduating top of her class as a valedictorian and President's List scholar. She was also the HEADWAE student of the year for 2015, a Phi Theta Kappa officer, a member of the Baptist Student Union, a member of Holmes Plus, and voted Sophomore Class Favorite. In addition to serving as reporter for the Holmes Goodman Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, McCrory was also the regional reporter for the honor society.

Upon graduating, she was selected to participate in the undergraduate portion of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program (MRPSP). After just one semester at Mississippi State University, McCrory received early admittance to medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and will begin her program in the fall of 2017.

"The instructors at Holmes made an investment in me, so I wanted to make an investment in Holmes," McCrory said. I knew that when I became a doctor one day, I would establish a scholarship at Holmes to help other students further their education. Then I realized that the amount of scholarships I was blessed to receive allowed me to take care of my daily needs, pay for my school, and still have funds leftover. That's when I decided to go ahead and establish a scholarship at Holmes now, and go ahead and invest in the education of Holmes students.

"I want the scholarship to go to students who are working hard and striving for academic excellence," McCrory said. "I'm happy to help further the education of those who are utilizing their full potential. Also, I encourage anyone who can to give back to your alma mater," McCrory said. "Age doesn't matter, just do what you can, when you can. That way, other students will be afforded the same opportunities to obtain an education and make a difference in the world."



Holmes Mortuary Science student Leilani Ghimire of Vicksburg was announced as the 2017 Mississippi Funeral Directors Association (MFDA) Educational Scholarship Award recipient. A student on the Ridgeland Campus, Ghimire is in the Funeral Service Technology program as a fast-track commuter student and will graduate in May. The scholarship is given to a Mississippi resident attending an accredited college of Mortuary Science, who exemplifies the understanding of and dedication to the philosophy and standards of funeral service. Pictured (left to right) is Ghimire with MFDA Past President David Ainsworth.

Service



Holmes Community College Baptist Student Union groups from both the Goodman and Grenada campuses served at Mission Arlington in Texas March 10-14, during Spring Break 2017. Mission Arlington is well-known in Texas as the place where people can receive help. It comes in a variety of ways, from emergency assistance with food and furniture to dental and medical clinics, to free Christmas gifts for people in the community. However, Mission Arlington is much more than a social agency. They take the Good News of Jesus Christ to those they meet and specialize in starting church groups in apartment complexes all over the city.

The Holmes students helped struggling families in a variety of ways during their week of service while ministering to them, as well. The students cleaned apartments, helped families move from one apartment to another, and also went door to door handing out invitations to Mission Arlington, spreading the word about the great things the agency provides.

Congratulations

On May 13, 2016, Holmes Community College graduated the Class of 2016 in the Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus. Students from the Ridgeland, Goodman, and Grenada campuses gathered as one to receive their degrees and to celebrate their successes. The Associate of Arts degree ceremony was held at 10 a.m. and the Associate of Applied Science and Certificate ceremony was at 2 p.m.

Syndicated cartoonist and two-time Pulitzer Finalist Marshall Ramsey delivered the commencement address. A cancer survivor, Ramsey's cartoons are syndicated nationally by Creators Syndicate and have appeared in The New York Times, USA Today and the Clarion-Ledger. He is also the author of several successful books.



President Dr. Jim Haffey (*center*) poses for a photo with (*left to right*) salutatorian Anna Claire Littlejohn and valedictorians Anna Kathryn McCrory, Etta Kathryn Jennings, Terrell Lane Wynne, Taylor Adcock, and Kristin Renee Alexander..

Class of 2016



Commencement speaker Marshall Ramsey waves to the crowd during his address to the Class of 2016 on May 13.



(far left) Head Basketball Coach Jason Flanigan and (front far right) Assistant Basketball Coach Jason Harrison pose with their graduating basketball players prior to commencement.

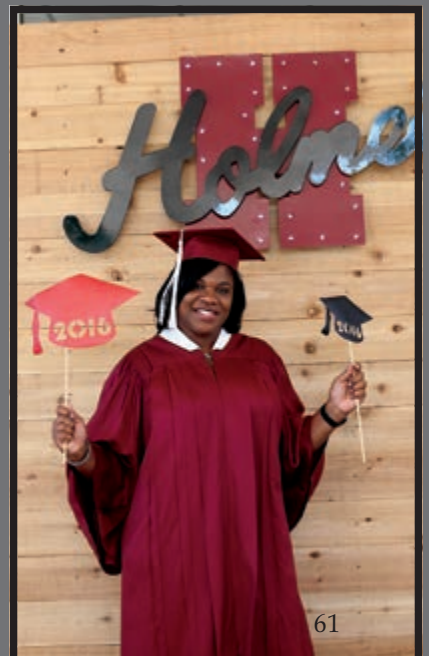


President Dr. Jim Haffey (right) poses for a photo with salutatorian Rakiam Levelle Allen.



Director of Career-Technical Education Larry Webster (center) poses for a photo with (left) Alicyn Shaw and (right) Brandy Harlos.







Faculty & Staff Honors

We are...

Scholars

2016 Humanities



Arnetra O. Pleas, an English instructor on the Ridgeland Campus, was named Holmes Community College's 2016 Humanities Teacher of the Year.

As part of her award, Pleas developed and delivered her scholarly presentation titled, "Anti-Slavery Protest in the Works of Jupiter Hammon, Phillis Wheatley, and Frances Harper." Pleas delivered this presentation on Nov. 17 in the D.P. "Pat" McGowan Workforce Training Center on the Ridgeland Campus. The Humanities Teacher Awards recognize the contributions of humanities faculty at each of the state's colleges and universities. Nominations are made by the college or university president or humanities dean.

A member of the Holmes family since 2009, Pleas serves as an academic advisor, co-facilitator of the iCreate Creative Arts Club, and instructor of Composition I/II (Hybrid and Traditional), African-American Literature, and Intermediate English and Reading. She uses innovative methods that bring the subject matter alive. For the 2014-15 academic year, she also served as evening coordinator, which gave her the opportunity to provide leadership and supervision of evening adjunct faculty. Pleas holds a B.A. in English from Tougaloo College and an M.A.T. in English from Jackson State University. She was also a part of the Advanced Placement Institute at the University of

Louisiana Monroe and her certifications include: Mississippi Endorsements: English 7-12/AP English Literature and certification as a State of Mississippi Teacher Mentor.

Additionally, Pleas has worked at the University of Mississippi Medical Center as an instructor in The Medical Cooperative Program, where she taught Verbal Reasoning and in the Science Training Enrichment Program, where she taught Reading Comprehension. Pleas also formerly served as English instructor/department chairperson at Velma Jackson High School and at The Piney Woods School. Prior to these positions, she was an elementary school teacher at Brentwood Behavioral Healthcare.

Pleas has earned a number of awards and recognitions for her dedication to the teaching profession. Some of these include the William Winter Scholar for the Humanities, MED CORP Teacher Appreciation Award, Velma Jackson High School Teacher of the Year, Mississippi Economic Council STAR Teacher, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Disney Creative Teacher Nominee, and The Piney Woods School Teacher of the Month.

A lifelong learner, Pleas participated in the four-week fellowship, "African-American Struggles for Freedom and Civil Rights," which was part of the National Endowment for the Humanities Institute at Harvard University. As one of 25 nationally selected college and university faculty, she attended lectures, workshops, film screenings, and fieldtrips that centered on challenges to equality and civil rights for African Americans from Reconstruction to the 1960s. The Institute was co-facilitated by distinguished historians Dr. Patricia Sullivan (University of South Carolina) and Dr. Waldo Martin (University of California, Berkeley). Additionally, she was a participant in a similar enrichment institute, the 4Ws, a nine-month long study of the works of Richard Wright, Tennessee Williams, Eudora Welty, and Margaret Walker sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council.

"I am deeply honored to be chosen for this special award. My work in the humanities discipline has been fueled by my passion for the oral and written word, particularly for poetry and storytelling. I chose to explore Hammon, Wheatley, and Harper, three obscure poets in the American literary canon, because their work is significant in its stylistic and thematic approaches despite the fact that two of these individuals were, in fact, chattel while composing much of their work. The goal of my presentation is to inspire the audience to read and to research further these extraordinary figures and to encourage my colleagues to add them to their syllabi and/or classroom discussions."

Pleas was recognized by the Mississippi Humanities Council at the 2017 Public Humanities Awards Reception in February at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson.

Teacher of the Year

Pictured below:

Top left - Arnetra Pleas, Humanities Teacher of the Year posing for a selfie with her student Ralph Watson.

Top right - Pleas presents her Humanities lecture, "Anti-Slavery Protest in the Works of Jupiter Hammon, Phillis Wheatley, and Frances Harper."

Bottom left - Pleas answering questions following her Humanities Lecture

Bottom right - Humanities Teacher of the Year, Arnetra Pleas with her family at the reception following the presentation.



Lamplighters

Three Holmes instructors were honored at the prestigious Lamplighters Conference Oct. 6-7. Gwen Graham, English instructor on the Grenada Campus; NaTunya Johnson, district department chair of the Business and Office Technology Department on the Ridgeland Campus, and Heather Jones, chemistry instructor and head cheerleading coach on the Goodman Campus attended the three-day conference hosted by Copiah-Lincoln Community College. The Lamplighters Conference honorees were selected based on their excellence in instruction and a commitment to teaching.

Gwen Graham

Graham, who has worked at the college for 20 years, was named Holmes' Humanities Teacher of the Year in 2015. During her time at Holmes, she has worked as a librarian and as an English instructor, teaching English Composition II, World Literature, Creative Writing, and all other English courses. Graham holds a B.A. in English from Delta State University and a M.A. in English from Mississippi State University, where she served as a teaching assistant as a graduate student.

Prior to her employment at Holmes, Graham taught at Delta State, State Technical Institute at Memphis (now Southwest Tennessee Community College), and also in the Dallas, Texas, community college system. She has always known that teaching, and specifically teaching English, is her calling in life. When Graham is not teaching, she enjoys bridge, participating in her two book clubs, and spending time with her family. She and her husband, Chip, have two children; Scott Graham and Whitney Woods, and one granddaughter, Mary Gwen Woods.

NaTunya Johnson

Johnson, who was recently named to the Mississippi Business Journal's (MBJ) 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi Class of 2016, was also chosen as the 2016 Community/Junior College Business Educator of the Year. Johnson received her bachelor of business administration and marketing from Mississippi State University and her MBA from Delta State University. As an Educational Specialist in curriculum and instruction, she currently develops curricula for Holmes Medical Office Technology, Medical Billing and Coding, and Business Management Technology programs. Johnson also serves as a cosponsor for Phi Beta Lambda business society on the Ridgeland campus.

Prior to teaching on the collegiate level, Johnson was a corporate trainer for 12 years at the State of Mississippi Employees' Health Plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi. She is a member of the Mississippi Business Educators Association, American Academy of Professional Coders, American Health Information Management Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The Links, Inc., Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and Anderson United Methodist Church. She resides in Ridgeland with her husband, Michael, and their daughter, Nadya.

Heather Jones

Jones, who has taught at Holmes for eight years and served as head cheerleading coach for six, is actively involved on campus. She is Departmental Physical Science Correspondent, a HolmesPlus advisor, and a faculty tutor for MOSAIC. Jones has served as a judge for both district and state science fairs, attended numerous chemistry/science-related conferences and served on multiple interview committees for a variety of campus organizations.

As Holmes' cheerleading coach, Jones has led the squad as they competed at UCA College Nationals for the past three years. Each year, Jones organizes and conducts two mini-cheer camps for elementary children. A Holmes alumna, Jones was a Bulldog cheerleader, Hall of Fame inductee, as well as active in multiple other organizations. Upon graduation, she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from Delta State University. Jones and her husband, Matt, reside in Benton with their two children: Pierce, 6, and Jon Wiley, 4. They are active members of Parkview Church of God, where she is on the Children's Council, a member of the choir, and serves as drama coordinator. Jones is a member of the Junior Auxiliary of Yazoo City.



Gwen Graham, English instructor on the Grenada Campus



NaTunya Johnson, district department chair of the BOT Department and instructor on the Ridgeland Campus



Heather Jones, chemistry instructor and head cheerleading coach on the Goodman Campus

HEADWAE



Jim Shirley, physics and engineering instructor on the Goodman Campus

Jim Shirley of Yazoo City, physics and engineering instructor, and Lane Spell of Lexington, a sophomore mechanical engineering student, have been named Holmes Community College's honorees for the Legislature's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day – Working for Academic Excellence) program for 2017. Shirley and Spell are both on the institution's Goodman Campus

Jim Shirley

Shirley, who has worked at Holmes a total of 21 years, holds a bachelor's degree in engineering physics from Delta State University and a master's degree in mathematics and physics from the University of Mississippi. He has also completed additional studies at Louisiana State University and Mississippi State University. Shirley began his teaching career teaching high school science classes in Greenwood before moving on to teach at East Holmes Academy. While teaching at East Holmes, Mr. Frank Branch, the president of Holmes at that time, reached out to Shirley and asked him to come and teach at the college. After about six to seven years of teaching in Goodman, Mr. Branch sent Shirley to Yazoo City to teach practical mathematics and chemistry there.

While there, Shirley was able to assist Mississippi Chemical Company, L.P., with ongoing issues they had been experiencing. Mississippi Chemical was so impressed with his critical thinking skills that they offered him a job in human resources at the plant and he ended up working there for 30 years. Upon retirement, Shirley was beckoned back to Holmes when they asked if he would please come back and teach for just a few months while they worked to fill the physics instructor position. Those three to four months turned into 12 years, and Shirley remains a campus-favorite among students today on Holmes' Goodman Campus. He is also an adviser for the Holmes Plus Program, which is a scholars program he founded for students who show an aptitude in science and mathematics.

Shirley was a Lamplighters Conference Honoree, a Holmes Board of Trustees Special Recognition Award recipient, a National Science Foundation Grant recipient, and a member of Mississippi Association of Physicists and Rotary Club. He has also worked as an industrial engineering consultant. Shirley and his wife Amy have four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Lane Spell



Lane Spell, a sophomore on the Goodman Campus

Spell, son of William and Angela Spell, is a mechanical engineering student on the Goodman Campus. He was valedictorian at Central Holmes Christian School, and has remained on the President's List throughout his time at Holmes. He is a member of the Holmes Plus scholars program, co-captain for the Bulldog cheerleaders, an Ambassador, treasurer of Student Government Association, a regional officer for Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and a volunteer tutor. Spell was also voted Freshman Favorite and was a 2016 Homecoming Escort.

Outside of Holmes, Spell is both an Eagle Scout and owner of Spell Concessions. He opened his concession stand business in 2014, and is hired to provide concessions at various sporting events around Holmes County. Upon graduation from Holmes, Spell will continue his studies in mechanical engineering at Mississippi State University and go to work as a project engineer in the oil and chemical industry. After retirement, he plans to open a real estate company.

HEADWAE was established in 1988 by the Mississippi Legislature to recognize outstanding students and faculty in Mississippi's colleges.

The New PhDs....

Four Holmes staff members completed their doctoral degrees in the spring of 2017.

Jenny Bailey Jones, PhD

Goodman Academic Dean Dr. Jenny Bailey Jones of Kosciusko successfully completed her defense of her dissertation research on Jan. 19. Dr. Jones earned her doctorate in Instructional Systems and Workforce Development from Mississippi State University in May of 2017. Her research, entitled "Web Conference vs. Webcast: The Perceived Effectiveness of Training Sessions at a Southeastern Community College," provided positive results Dr. Jones is sharing with this community college and others interested in providing effective web conference and web cast training. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in technology with an emphasis in business technology, and a specialist degree in educational technology.

Dr. Jones sits on the Kosciusko School District Board of Trustees and has been a member of the National Business Education Association, Southern Business Education Association, Mississippi Educational Computing Association, and the Mississippi Business Education Association, just to name a few. Holmes has been a part of Dr. Jones' life since the fall of 1995. She has served the eLearning department since 2010 in two capacities: instructional design coordinator and eLearning coordinator.

Before 2010, she served as the portal manager and media specialist for the IT department for three years. Prior to that, Dr. Jones was an instructor for the Business and Office Technology Department for 12 years. She has also been an instructor for the Mississippi Virtual Community College since 2001.

During her years at Holmes, Dr. Jones has been given the opportunity to be the keynote speaker at the 2012 Mississippi Association of Developmental Educators convention, and has been a part of the team that was awarded the 2012 Blackboard Collaborate Hall of Fame Award. She has also been featured in numerous articles, such as the University Business' Level Playing Field, and has presented at Blackboard World, Mississippi Banner Users Group and the Mississippi Advisors Meeting.

Dr. Jones and her husband, William, have two children: Sara Bailey and Lizzie Kate.



Jenny Bailey Jones, PhD

Thomas "Luke" Jones, PhD

Goodman Campus Director of Career-Technical Education Dr. Luke Jones earned his Doctorate of Philosophy in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University in May 2017. His dissertation was titled, "The Community College Foundation Forest: Turning Real Property into Real Revenue."

Dr. Jones of Ackerman also holds a master's and bachelor's in forestry from MSU, and an associate's degree in forest technology from the Holmes Grenada Campus. As a student at MSU, he served as both graduate research assistant and a teaching assistant in the Forestry Department.

Prior to his promotion to the role of Director of Career-Tech, he taught Forest Technology and Conservation Law Enforcement Technology on the Holmes Grenada Campus. Dr. Jones also served as an adviser for the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Before he joined the Holmes family as an employee, Dr. Jones worked as owner/forester for Jones Forest Management Services in Ackerman, and before owning his own business, held the position of extension associate I for MSU's Forestry Department.

Some of Dr. Jones' accolades include: 2010 Holmes Lamplighter Award, Choctaw County Forestry Association President, Choctaw County Farm Bureau Board Member, Choctaw County Farm Bureau Young Farmer Representative, and 2014-2015 Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy Graduate.

The Grenada Campus of Holmes became the third location in the state to house an arboretum in the fall of 2016, and Dr. Jones was very involved with that project. The Holmes North Ridge Arboretum now includes over 60 identified species of trees, plants and vines and is serving as a place for students to study, relax, and even attend class.

Dr. Jones and his wife, Lauren, have three children: Lake, Hart, and Cass.



Thomas Luke Jones, PhD

Faculty & Staff Honors

Tonya Brewer Lawrence, PhD



Tonya Lawrence, PhD

Ridgeland Campus Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence earned her Doctorate of Philosophy in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University in May 2017. Previously, she obtained a master's degree in biology teacher education from The University of Southern Mississippi and an Associate of Arts degree in pre-physical therapy studies from Jones County Junior College. While at USM, she completed 33 hours toward her PhD in science education.

Dr. Lawrence has been employed with Holmes since 2005, and she began as an instructor of biological sciences. In 2009, she was named director of evening and weekend programs, a role she held for two years before her promotion to academic dean.

Dr. Lawrence has been named a Lamplighter for Holmes, which means she was chosen to represent the college at the annual conference hosted by the Mississippi Community/Junior College Academic Dean's Association. The Lamplighter Conference recognizes and rewards effective instructors and gives them the opportunity to share with one another those teaching techniques.

On Feb. 2, Dr. Lawrence was presented with a Patriot Award from the Mississippi Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). She was nominated for the award by Dr. Kenneth Troy Milliken, a Holmes chemistry instructor on the Ridgeland Campus. Dr. Milliken, who serves as an Army Reserve Brigade Chaplain (MAJOR) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, nominated Lawrence for recognition because of her support of his military training time.

Dr. Lawrence and her husband, Will, have a daughter, Cameron Grace.

Amy Green Whittington, PhD



Amy Whittington, PhD

District Director of Career-Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington earned her Ph.D. in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University in May 2017. Dr. Whittington's dissertation was titled, "Investigating employability: A study to ascertain whether attaining stackable credentials increases opportunity for employment for career technical graduates."

The purpose of this study was to examine survey results of industry representatives who serve on advisory committees for career technical programs at Holmes to ascertain whether earning stackable credentials in career technical programs does increase opportunities for employment. Data were obtained from an Industry Input Survey conducted at Holmes.

Results of this study indicated that while entry-level employment requirements focus more on a high-school diploma or high school equivalency exam and an earned Associate of Applied Science degree, the majority of participants did indicate that holding a national certification would give a potential employee hiring preferences. These results lead to the conclusion that attaining the set of stackable credentials does indeed increase opportunity for employment for our career technical graduates.

Dr. Whittington has been a Career-Tech Education director for the Ridgeland Campus since July 2013. Formerly, she was an instructor at Holmes in the Business Office Technology and Business Administration departments. Before Holmes, she was an accountant for Delta State University, and for Ivey Mechanical Company.

In 2015, Dr. Whittington graduated from the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy (MCCLA). She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting, as well as an MBA from Delta State University. A Holmes alumna, Dr. Whittington earned her associate's from Holmes in 2000, and was an Ambassador and Phi Theta Kappa officer as a student.

Dr. Whittington and her husband, Frank, have two children: Ian and Ava. They are active members of Broadmoor Baptist Church of Madison.



Campus Life

We are...

Exciting

What's trending



Donald J. Trump was elected the 45th president of the United States on Nov. 8, 2016, after a historic presidential race against **Hillary Rodham Clinton**.



The Mannequin Challenge was the viral Internet video trend where people remained frozen in action like mannequins while a moving camera filmed them, usually with the song "**Black Beatles**" by **Rae Sremmurd** playing. *(left)* The Cleveland Cavaliers' mannequin challenge at the White House was a huge hit in 2016.

Popular in 2016-2017:



What's trending

 **WATCH**

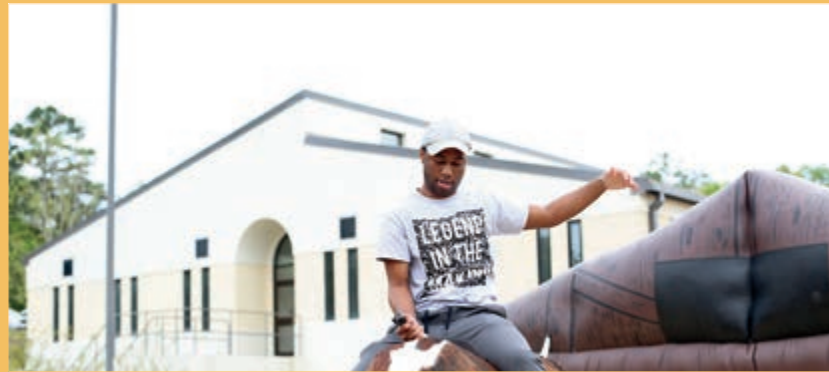


Popular in 2016-2017:



SPRING FLING 2016

Every year in April, Holmes Community College celebrates the wonders of Spring with fun activities. Each campus has something unique. The Goodman campus has crawfish, volleyball, jumpies, music, raffles, and prizes. The Grenada campus enjoys crawfish, burgers, volleyball, karaoke, raffles, and even a mechanical bull. Lastly, the Ridgeland campus has Backyard Burger lunch, volleyball, corn hole tournaments, raffles, and more fun filled activities.





Fall Fest 2016

Every fall, Holmes Community College celebrates the changing weather with fun, outdoor activities. The Ridgeland Campus and Goodman Campus held their Fall Fest days in October and Grenada in November. Each campus served hamburgers and provided a variety of fun activities for the students. Organizations and clubs on campus set up booths, as well. From the nursing students setting up booths to check blood pressure, to Phi Theta Kappa members selling cheese, the various organizations helped make Fall Fest successful.





Connection!

Holmes Community College's Connection! is the college's high energy show choir group. They had another very successful season performing. Directed by Michael Yates, the Holmes Connection! is a highly-enthusiastic dance and vocal ensemble that represents Holmes CC with shows in all nine counties and beyond. Each member receives a scholarship for their dedication, practice and performance.





Pink-O-Ween



On Oct. 21, Holmes celebrated Halloween and more importantly raised awareness for breast cancer during the 2016 Pink-O-Ween walk sponsored by Healthy@Holmes. Faculty and staff from all campuses came dressed in either their pink-themed costumes and walked around the track at the football field. Pat's Pink Ladies from the Ridgeland Campus won the annual costume contest. After the walk, everyone enjoyed chili and treats prepared by faculty and staff. President Dr. Jim Haffey took home first place in the Chili Cook-Off also held as part of the festivities.

(above) "Pat's Pink Ladies" from the Ridgeland Campus show off their award-winning Pink-O-Ween costumes. Pictured are (front, left to right) Bronwyn Martin, Brooke Hood, Lina Lopez, Sawyer Mooney (furry one), Stephanie Wood, (back row, left to right) Rachel Deer, Miranda Burns, Chief Christopher Dill, Michael Pawlik, Sandra Hultz and Heather Mooney.



(left) Tonya Wooten and Jenny Jones are all smiles at Pink-O-Ween. (below) Pictured are members of the team "Save Second Base" from the Goodman Campus (left to right) Terrell Hammett, Dana Nichols, Suzanne Lawshe, and Matt Surrell.





(left to right) Vic Parker, Stephanie Diffey and Jonathan Wright show off their pink spirit at Pink-O-Ween.



Pictured are (left to right) 2nd Place Chili Cook-Off winner Laura Canard, 1st Place Winner Dr. Jim Haffey, and 3rd Place Winners Gale Sheppard and Leslie Spell.



Michael Pawlik has a blast at Pink-O-Ween.



Employees from all three campuses who wore the Pink-O-Ween t-shirt pose for a photo.



Lina Lopez jumps for joy at Pink-O-Ween.



Holmes cheerleaders cheer everyone on at the 5K.



Pictured are three of the chili cookoff judges, Robert Harris, Angela Boyd, and Linda McCollum.



Barbara Moody and Alice Watson make their way around the track.

Carols of Christmas

On Nov. 29, Holmes presented the annual Carols of Christmas presentation in Montgomery Fine Arts Auditorium on the Goodman Campus. The program included performances by the Concert Chorale, The Coachmen Singers, and The Holmes Connection! show choir. Directors and faculty for the music program at Holmes include District Chair of the Fine Arts Department John L. Cheatham, III, Adjunct Choral Director Jenny Smith, Director of Connection! and sound/lighting technician Michael Yates, and Piano Faculty/Accompanist Dr. Donna Banks.



The Concert Chorale performs "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" during Holmes Carols of Christmas.



Dr. Donna Banks provides accompaniment for the singers.



Flutist Maya Caradine performs "Peace, Peace" alongside the Concert Chorale.



Aureius Myers performs "Sleigh Ride" with Connection!



Adjunct Choral Director Jenny Smith performs "Go Tell it on the Mountain."



Jessi Morgan sings a solo part in "Breath of Heaven."



Holmes Connection! performs "Up on the House Top," as performed by Pentatonix.



Erica Rockett, Christopher Jackson, and Dillan McHarris perform "African Noel."



Kelli Ray sings a solo part in "Breath of Heaven."



Connection! performs "I love Christmas."

Theatre presents

Directed by Bridget Mallette, the Holme-Towne Players presented "Hard Candy," Jonathan Rand's hilarious short play, April 4-6 in the Montgomery Fine Arts Building on the Goodman Campus.



Hard Candy



Parade of Beauties

Spring 2017



Most Beautiful: Bayley Neal Cook of Winona was crowned 2017 Most Beautiful in the Parade of Beauties pageant on Feb. 28.

Pictured above is Bayley Cook posing for a picture with Andy Wood, Goodman Campus Director.

Pictured in the top right is Bayley Cook - Holmes Most Beautiful.

Pictured to the right is 2016 Most Beautiful, Jade Dalton crowning the 2017 Most Beautiful, Bayley Cook.

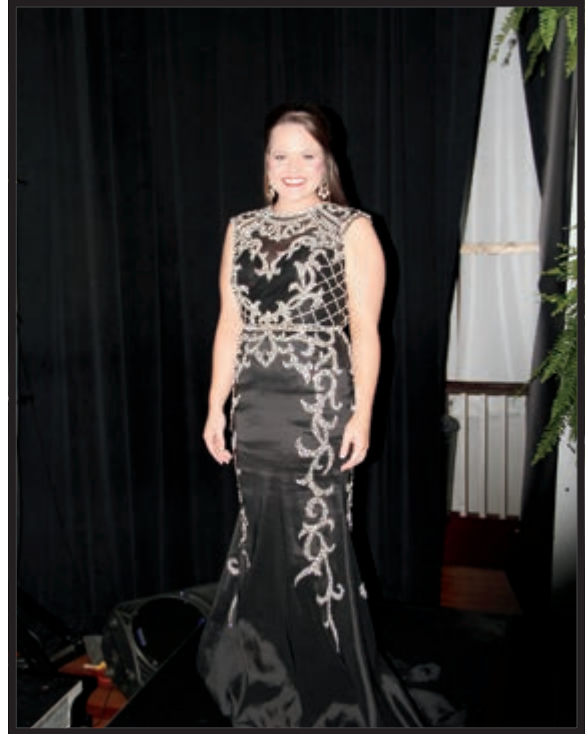
Top Five: Pictured from left to right - Hallie Murtagh, Nikki Merchant, Bayley Cook, Sydney Boteler, and Rae Patridge.



Top Ten: Pictured from left to right - Kelli Ray, Hailey Mims, Kaylan Green, Hallie Murtagh, Nikki Merchant, Bayley Cook, Sydney Boteler, Rae Patridge, Elizabeth Lowery, and Abigail Singletary.

Parade of Beauties

Spring 2017





Fitness

The Holmes Community College Wellness Center, acquired by the college in November 2015, opened up to students, faculty, staff and the community during the 2016-2017 school year. The gym, located at 331 Sunny Brook Road, is approximately 25,000 square feet and includes 4 acres to expand the Ridgeland Campus. This new addition to the college offers a two-story fitness facility complete with a pool, sauna, free weights, exercise machines, a studio for fitness classes and classroom and office space. Some of the classes offered include yoga, pilates, rock hard abs, interval training, zumba, spin, aqua insanity and more. CPR, First Aid, and other HPR classes are taught in the Wellness Center classrooms.







Chubs

We are...

Involved

Marching Band



James Bailey
Band Director



Jeffrey Brown
Assistant Band Director



Holmes Marching Band, Goodman Campus

Members of the Marching Band include: Bailee Barrett, Curtis Bradford, William D. Brown, Timothy N. Burrell, Olivia Butler, Taylor N. Cade, Maya Caradine, Courtney Clay, Perry Clemons, Shelby Corr, Ginny Dance, Collin Different, Steven Ray Evans, Draven Forrest, Chandler Garrett, Christopher Garrett, Jada Harris, Johnell Hartley, Cassyetta Hughes, Mallory Hunt, Bethanie Irving, Chris Jackson, Jerren Jackson, Samantha Jenkins, LaQuisha Johnson, Mahalia Jones, Rachel Jones, Payton T. Langford, Gabriel Lewis, Dillan McHarris, Stephen McNabb, Chelsea Miller, Sierra Miller, Alexandria Moore, Austin Moudy, Martel Myers, Graham Newell, Victoria O'Banner, David Ochoa, Madison Pickens, Ann Pohlig, Joann Pohlig, Erica Rockett, Gabrielle Saffold, Griffin Sekul, Jaylyn Smith, Rydarius Smith, Anna Smitherman, Mallory Stallings, Parker Stewart, Gabby Taylor, Cedric Terry, Courland Turnbo, Taylor Vaden, Samantha S. Walker, Robert Wall, Tyler Watts, Branden Webster, Addie Mae Winters, and Kaitlyn Wright. (left to right)

Drum Major



Color Guard



Color Guard for the Marching Band, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Cassyeta Hughes, Jada Harris, Olivia Butler, Taylor Cade, (back row, left to right) Jaylyn Smith, Victoria O'Banner, Ginny Dance and Shelby Corr.

Hornline



Hornline for the Marching Band, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Alexandria Moore, Courtlandt Turnbo, Sierra Miller, Christopher Garrett, Collin Different, Bailee Barrett, LaQuisha Johnson, (back row, left to right) Gabriel Lewis, Martel Myers, David Ochoa, Steven Evans, Griffin Sekul, and Mallory Hunt.

Woodwind Line



Woodwind Line for the Marching Band, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Courtney Clay, Perry Clemons, Bethanie Irving, Anna Smitherman, Chelsea Miller, (back row, left to right) Tyler Watts, Chandler Garrett, Branden Webster, and Stephen McNabb.

Drumline



Drumline for the Marching Band, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Samantha Walker, Dillan McHarris, Erica Rockett, Draven Forrest, Noah Burrell, (back row, left to right) Gabbye Taylor, Gabrielle Saffold, Curtis Bradford, William Brown, Chris Jackson, Rydarius, Smith, and Jerren Jackson.

Pit Percussion



Pit Percussion for the Marching Band, Goodman Campus

(left to right) Rachel Jones, Taylor Vaden, Cedric Terry, Parker Stewart, Mallory Stallings, Maya Caradine and Samantha Jenkins.

Indoor Drumline



Indoor Drumline, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Samantha Walker, Ashleigh Blakely, Perry Clemons, Laquisha Johnson, Rachel Jones, (second row, left to right) Ann Pohlig, Mallory Stallings, Jerren Jackson, Maya Caradine, Gabby Saffold, Bailey Barret, Olivia Butler, Shelby Corr, Courtney Clay, Noah Burrell, Mahalia Jones, Taylor Vaden, Sierra Miller, Joanne Pohlig, (back row, left to right) Gabbye Taylor, Emmaly Wilcher, Chelsea Miller, Anna Smitherman, Griffin Sekul, Chris Jackson, Cedric Terry, Mallory Hunt, Tyler Watts, Payton Langford, Johnell Hartley, Chad Crimm.

Band Managers



Band Managers for the Marching Band, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Mahalia Jones, Joann Pohlig, Ann Pohlig, Kaitlyn Wright, (back row, left to right) Madison Pickens, Austin Moudy, Robert Wall, and Graham Newell.

Steel Band



Steel Band, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Mahalia Jones, Dillan McHarris, Perry Clemons, Taylor Vaden, Taylor Cade, Collin Different, Courtney Clay, (second row, left to right) Rachel Jones, Rydarious Smith, Erica Rockett, Mallory Hunt, Anna Smitherman, Branden Webster, Tyler Watts, Sierra Miller, Payton Langford, Chris Jackson, Steven Evans, (back row, left to right) Parker Stewart, Cedric Terry, Will Brown, Addie Winters, and Jerren Jackson.

Jazz Band



Jazz Band, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Courtney Clay, Chandler Garrett, Nick Pope, Tyler Watts, Gabriel Lewis, (back row, left to right) David James, Chad Crimm, Christopher Garrett, Clayton Brunt, and (standing) Director James Bailey.

Connection!



Connection! Show Choir, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Britnee Kirk, Jessi Morgan, Nikki Merchant, Shelby Turner, Ashlee Kate Blackwell, Laken Fowler, (back row, left to right) Isaiah Miller, Jaylon Townsend, Stephen Thompson, Timothy Wallace, Aurieus Myers, Jericho Morgan, Rashad Perteet, and Gage Saxton.

Coachmen



Coachmen A cappella Ensemble, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Isaiah Miller, Sara McCafferty, Deonna Carter, Trikeya Brown, Jessica May, Octavia Smith, Kendaydra Weeks, (middle row, left to right) Maya Caradine, Gabrielle Salfold, Jaylon Townsend, Jessi Morgan, Jada Bell, Jaylyn Smith, R'Shunti Perteet, Alexandria Moore, (back row, left to right) Britnee Kirk, and Aureius Myers.

Voices of Praise



Voices of Praise Gospel Choir, Goodman Campus

(front row, left to right) Courtney Fox (support), Jada Bell, Shyla Curry, Isaiah Miller, Erica Rockett, Calvin Glover, Jr., Jaylyn Smith, Bianca Ball, Kendaydra Week, LaQuisha Johnson, Jessika Turner, (back row, left to right) Rosalyne Davis (sponsor), Jaslyne Ware (support), Deonna Carter, Courtney Clay, Gabrielle Saffold, Jaylon Townsend, Aurieus Myers, Patrick Randle, Tavaris Shells, Cedric Terry, LaKesha Rand, Victoria O'Banner, Cassyetta Hughes, Alexandria Moore, Draven Forrest, and Yasmine Johnson. (not pictured) Ryan Fears, Lil' Amber Fields, Rydarius Harris, Lexxus Patrick, Temeria Payton, Rashad Perteeet, and Destany Vidonne.

Electrical Linemen



Electrical Linemen Program students, Goodman Campus

Ambassadors



Goodman Campus Ambassadors

SGA



Goodman Campus Student Government Association

(first row, left to right) Micheal Edmonds (president), Kelli Ray (secretary), Lane Spell (treasurer), Nikki Merchant, Joshlyn Jones, Octavia Smith, Juliet Warriner, Kalyn Robertson, Charleigh Mcphail, (second row, left to right) Emily Trussell, Miguel Garcia, Jacob Rhodes, Logan Ledbetter, Rachel Smith, Eric Menefee, Asia Purvis, Addie McCool, Anna Shelby, (third row, left to right) Quintavious Mosley, and Wanya Brown. Not pictured: Ashlee Blackwell, Amber Saunders, Lexxus Patrick,

SPNO



Attala Center Student Practical Nursing Organization

(front row, left to right) Kevin Truss, Sierra St. Clair, Deyuna Woods, Marilyn Lee, Cheryl Huntley, Jasmine Gibson, Amber Brown *(back row, left to right)* Farrie Rollins, Brittany Zamudio, Marshae Allen, Shiloh Wammack, Courtney Jernigan, Megan Pee, Kristen Shivel, Haley Tyler, Kadajah Reed, Ashlyn Kerr, Lashonda Lyles, Bianca Martin, Jessica Ellington, Alana Lowery, Anna Clair Mooney, and Crystal Burns.

Phi Theta Kappa



Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Goodman Campus

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Multicultural Organization for Students Achieving, Inspiring others, and Challenging themselves, Goodman Campus

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Cosmetology, Goodman Campus

SkillsUSA



Goodman Campus Chapter of SkillsUSA

BSU



Goodman Campus Chapter of Baptist Student Union

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Holmes Plus Mathematics and Science Scholar Program, Goodman Campus
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Marion, Angela Miles, Mary Leigh Poole, and Jim Shirley.

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Football Spirit Team, Goodman Campus
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Grenada Campus Ambassadors

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ADN Freshmen



Grenada Campus Associate Degree Nursing freshmen in the day program

The nursing class includes: Krystin Allen, Jacquelyn Brooks, Kali Burney, Quindetta Felton, Albert Fleming, Latoya Flowers, Troi'Nequa Gibson, Payton Goss, Mallory Haire, Lashonda Hayes, Mckenzie King, Ann Larroux, Alyssa Montgomery, Kristin Moore, Kayla Neal, Haley Pate, Brianna Stephens, Brittany Tindall, Natasha Walker, Ashley Weeks, and Elliot Williams.

ADN Sophomores



Grenada Campus Associate Degree Nursing sophomores in the day program

The nursing class includes: Cisali Alexander, Kasee Burton, Misty Cain, Desiree Carroll, Jessica Clark, Kerin Connor, Jamillah Ellis, Addie Ford, Amber Garrard, Holly Havens, Lethea Jackson, Dereon Johnson, Laura Beth Kolb, Stephen Locke, Shateadria Malone, Camelia Peacock, Lynne Dee Pollan, Jordan Pratt, Rebecca Rowland, Joseph Salley, Kimberly Schweigart, Phillip Swanson, Julia Trimble, Kayla Warnock, and Alicia Wood.

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Grenada Campus Associate Degree Nursing freshmen in the evening program

The nursing class includes: Jonathan Ainsworth, Jamie Allen, Melanie Anderson, Regina Bailey, Patience Bigbee, Sarah Bowen, Tina Burke, Lisa Byars, Robin Cotten, Jami Drane, Judy Farmer, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Brittany Johnston, Charles Jones, Sherita Latiker, Savannah Lee, Heather Mercer, Gregory Mynatt, Tonya Owens, Breanna Picetti, Kathy Robertson, Diabolique Shaw, Erica Smith, Robbie Vinson, Jameshia Westbrook, Ashley Wilson, Heather Witzel, Tonya Wooten, and LaDarrius Yates.

ADN Evening Sophomores



Grenada Campus Associate Degree Nursing sophomores in the evening program

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Grenada Campus Student Government Association

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Grenada Campus Chapter of Student Practical Nursing Organization

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PTA



Physical Therapy Assistant Technology program students, Grenada Campus
(left to right) Heather Crouch, Mykel Hawes, Hope Williams, Anna Grace Turner, Rehana Sajjad, Leianne M. Tindall, Raven Boatman, Mandy McCluskey, Alaina Vance, and Katey Beth Harbin.

Surgical Tech



Grenada Campus Surgical Technology students
(left to right) Brittany Starnes, Bethany Donahoe, Stephanie Bond, Meredith Moore, Tiffany Booker, Jessica Holland, and Mya Golliday.

ADN Freshmen



Ridgeland Campus Associate Degree Nursing freshmen

Students include: Saeed Ahmed, Candace Alderman, Eryn Armagost, Jennifer Bryant, Kaylee Butts, Madison Clark, Morgan Daniels, Soma Dhar, Haley Duddleston, Mesha Fleming, Lauren Graham, Alejandro Hernandez, Michelle Hicks, Rachel Hill, Madeline Holiman, Avery Huff, Renata Hughes, Britney King, Cleopatra Lamb, Robyn Lundy, Wendy Mabry, Kayla McKenzie, Katherine Middleton, Micah Myers, Seth Nash, Amy New, Marqueshia Pass, Dorian Patterson, Natalie Phelan, Lauren Richards, Christina Rushing, Michael Sanders, Erica Smith, DeAnna Starnes, Sarah Stephens, William Stringer, Ashley Nicole Whitehead, O'Kayla Williams, and Douglas Wray.

ADN Sophomores



Ridgeland Campus Associate Degree Nursing sophomores

Students include: Allison Balliet, Alison Bodmer, Justin Bowser, Melia Boykin, Ashleigh Buck, Preshus Catchings, Joe Clay, Misti Rose Cowart, Caitlin Cox, Summer Nichole Desper, Adrienne Devine, Taylor Ford, Lydia Glaspie, Andrea Goodwin, Crystal Griffing, Monique Lorraine Groth, Rian Hall, Michael Henrikson, Monica Jackson, Janelle Johnson, Logan Leblanc, Jessica May, Morgan McCloskey, Chasity McCree, Dennis McDonald, Rachel McFarland, Tiera Minor, Oliva Nieburg, Laqueshia Owens, Zachery Parker, Kayla Patterson, Michelle Pope, Ashley Prewitt, Elizabeth Randle, Jessica Reeves, Jennifer Roberts, April Robinson, Summer Smith, Morgan Solari, Sarah Stevenson, T.J. Temple, Jeimy Viveros Amador, Bailey Weems, Sondra Welch, and Theresa Wells.

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Ridgeland Campus Chapter of Student Practical Nursing Organization

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PTK



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Ridgeland Campus Ambassador

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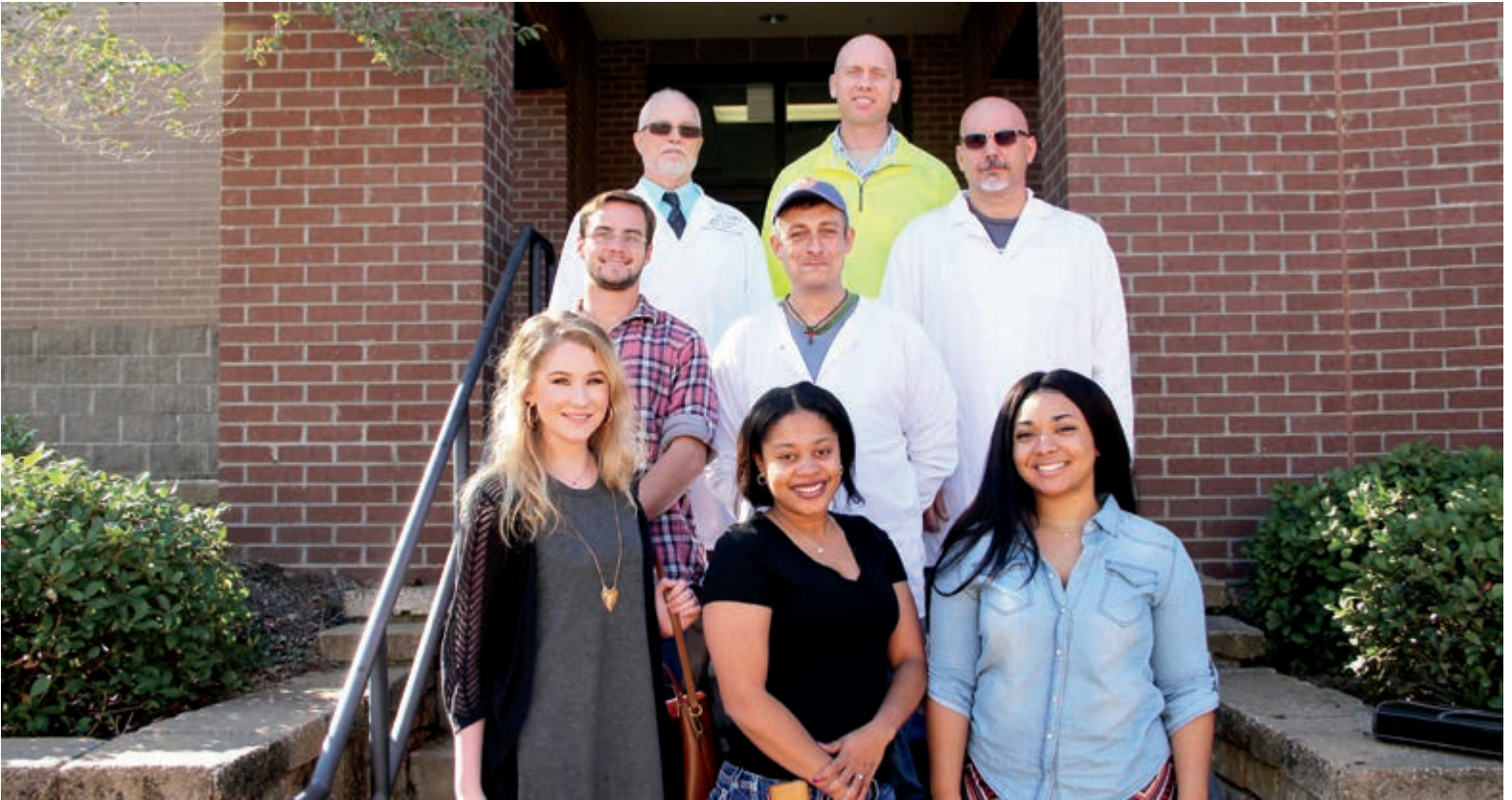
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Natural Science Club



Natural Science Club, Ridgeland Campus

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Holmes Association of Legal Students (HALS), Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Joey Gray, Scott Maugh, Angela Roland, Jaylon Robinson, (back row, left to right) Janice Thomas, Sydney Mack, Leslie Myers, and Corinne Crowder. Not pictured: Adviser Darleen Dozier.

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Ridgeland Campus Chapter of SkillsUSA

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iCreate: Creative Arts Club, Ridgeland Campus

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Social Science Club



Social Science Club, Ridgeland Campus
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Paramedics



Paramedic students, Ridgeland Campus

(front row, left to right) Justin Hawthorne, Oliver Cole, Shafreta, Kelly, LeTreace Taylor, Megan Highfill, (second row, left to right) Joel Lowther, Anthony Clark, D. Blaiborne, Cole McFarland, (third row, left to right) Daniel Moulder, Justin Priest, Nathan Duffey, Brittany Jenkins, (back row, left to right) Tabarious Berry, Donovan Bennett, Evon Harper, Andrew Shelby, Jonathan Posey.

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Emergency Medical Technology students, Fall 2016, Ridgeland Campus

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Emergency Medical Technology students, Spring 2017, Ridgeland Campus

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Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology program students, Ridgeland Campus

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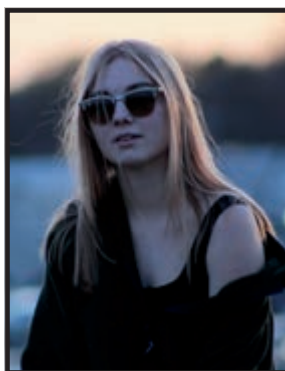
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Holmes students give back to their communities

Holmes Community College encourages its students to become well-rounded citizens who contribute to society. While academic achievement is certainly important, the faculty and staff at Holmes also want students to learn the importance of helping others in need and giving back to the communities in which they live.

Some of the ways that Holmes students and staff have given back include: raising money for breast cancer, collecting Christmas presents for residents of Sunnybrook Children's Home and local nursing homes, visiting and reading to children at Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital, volunteering at the Mississippi Blues Marathon, volunteering for animal shelters, coaching at TOP Soccer for children with disabilities, serving at Mississippi Food Network, collecting items for 25:35 Thrift in Grenada which funds a shelter for victims of domestic violence, among other activities.



The Forestry, Wildlife and Conservation Law students at Holmes Community College Grenada Campus were given the opportunity to team up with Hope Outdoors and the Army Corps of Engineers to provide children with disabilities an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. Hope Outdoors is a group of sportsmen that have a desire to share their passion for hunting and fishing with the disabled and terminally ill. The college contributed over a dozen students over a two-day period, and these students saw to it that nothing stood between these children and a good time.

The Rotoract Club, advised by Assistant Librarian Jennifer Smith, collected Angel Tree items for The Home Place and delivered them on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The Home Place is an assisted living facility in Madison, and over the past several years, different Holmes organizations from the Ridgeland Campus have helped make sure the residents there have a merrier Christmas. Pictured are (left to right) Financial Aid Advisor Mary Haralson, student Kazy Kyles, Assistant Librarian/Rotoract Adviser Jennifer Smith, student Taboris Roberson, and Head Librarian Blair Booker, with some of the gifts collected.





Pictured are the members of the Ridgeland Campus Student Practical Nursing Organization (SPNO) volunteering at the Mississippi Food Network (MFN) in Jackson. The MFN distributes more than 1.5 million pounds of food and feeds more than 1.8 million people per year. SPNO is led by Dr. Lakesia Sutton and Heather Roberts.

Goodman Ambassadors volunteered at Central Holmes for Trunk or Treat & Movie Under The Moon Family Night.

Pictured are: *(front, left to right)* London Steverson, Reiley Carr, Leslie Spell (adviser), *(back, left to right)* Hallie Murtagh, Bailey Rutledge, Nate Killebrew, Lane Spell, Lamar Land, Griffin Turner, and Blake Bell,



Grenada instructor Frances Nix's Social Problems class collected purses and costume jewelry for 25:35 Thrift in Grenada as their class service project. All proceeds from 25:35 Thrift go directly to building a shelter in Grenada for victims of domestic violence.



Athletics

We are...

Bulldogs

Bulldog Football

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs made history by winning their first NJCAA Bowl with a 28-21 win over the Iowa Western Community College Reivers in the Graphic Edge Bowl on Dec. 4, 2016. Holmes trailed 21-14 at halftime, but the Holmes defense stiffened in the second half, and the offense used big plays to pull out the win. Holmes finished the 2016 season with its highest NJCAA ranking since the 2002 season, finishing 13th in the country after claiming the MACJC State Championship.

The Bulldogs saw a number of other accolades as well, one being that Head Coach Jeff Koonz was named the MACJC Coach of the Year for the second time during his Holmes career.

"Anytime there's a coach of the year award the head coach's name is on it, but obviously it's talking about the entire coaching staff," Koonz said. "I think the fact it's voted on by your peers makes it more of an honor. I think the coaches in the league know how far we've come the last few years and the quality of play that we've put out there. We had a talented team this year. All three phases of the game led to us winning that award."

Offensive Coordinator Tim Stowers was also honored when he was chosen to speak at the 2017 National AFCA Coaches Convention in Nashville, Tenn., held Jan. 7-11. He presented during a segment called "Chalk War" which featured Holmes' option attack vs. the Laney Eagles Defense. Coach Stowers matched wits against Coach Josh Ramos, Defensive Coordinator from Laney Junior College out of California.

Holmes was led offensively by sophomore quarterback Dejerric Bryant, who was named MACJC Honorable Mention All-State, and the leading rusher for the Bulldogs was sophomore running back Matt Fuller, who was also named MACJC Honorable Mention All-State. Sophomore running back Antavius Moody was named MACJC Honorable Mention, as well, and sophomore receiver D.J. Montgomery was named MACJC First Team All-State. Offensive linemen Tyler Barnes and Austin Killion were named MACJC Second Team All-State while Jarius Gooch and Rodney Shaw were named MACJC Honorable Mention All-State.

Holmes was led on the defensive side by sophomore linebacker Jamar Smith, who was named MACJC First Team All-State and NJCAA All-Region XXIII. Sophomore defensive back Q'Mond Woods was named MACJC Second Team All-State; freshman defensive lineman Vada King was named MACJC Second Team All-State, and specialists Zack Schemmel and Sanchez Berry were named MACJC Second Team All-State. Additionally, defensive backs Sean Harper and Dante Wigley along with defensive lineman Tyshon Spencer were each named MACJC Honorable Mention All-State.

The Bulldogs certainly had a memorable season, as the appearance in the Graphic Edge Bowl was Holmes' first bowl appearance in the last 28 years.



Coaching Staff: (left to right) Offensive Assistant Terence Lott, Special Teams Assistant Coach Chase Taylor, Volunteer Defensive Coach Antoine Cash, Defensive Coordinator Chris Shelling, Head Coach Jeff Koonz, Offensive Coordinator Tim Stowers, Offensive Assistant Coach Matt Wannebo, Offensive Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator Raymond Gross, and Strength/Conditioning Coach Mark Cornwell.



Bulldog Football



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DB



Dwain Alford
DB



Tyler Barnes
OL



Buddy Benson
LB



Sanchez Berry
RB



E.J. Bounds
DB



Cameryn Brent
RB



Keldrick Brown
WR



Dejerric Bryant
QB



Deonta Burchfield
LB



Steven Burdette
WR



Josh Byrd
OL



Reggie Carter
RB



Josh Dodd
QB



LaDarius Dunn
DB



Chris Dye
OL

Bulldog Football



Jeda Finchis
DL



Trey Freeman
OL



Matt Fuller
RB



Jarius Gooch
OL



Derrick Graham
DL/LB



Rickel Hall
DB



Sean Harper
DB



Ahmad Hyde
DL



Austin Killion
OL



Vada King
DL



Desmond Lester
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Brian Matthews
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Treviante McDaniel
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Maurice Mosley
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Bulldog Football



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Tyshon Spencer
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Tyler Staples
DB



Darron Temple
DB



Anthony Walker
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Orrin Walsh
OL



Jawaski Webb
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Bulldog Football



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Isaiah Wolfe
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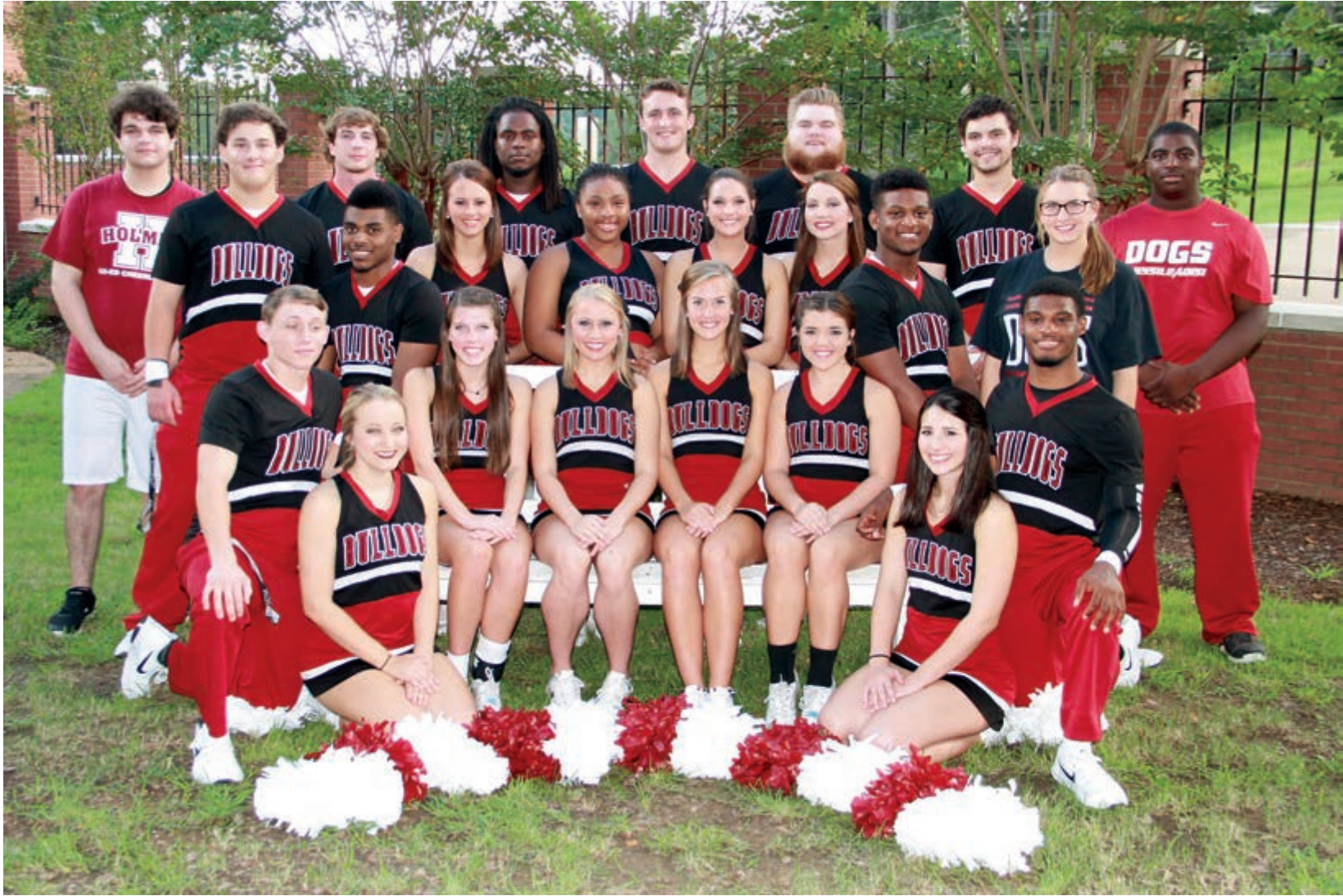
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James Cobb



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Tre Russell



Marquell Sanders



Abby Singletary



Kaitlyn Sloan



Lane Spell



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Dalton Veazey



Tre Wright



Christina White, Manager



Heather Jones, Head Coach

Women's Soccer

The Lady Bulldogs recently finished their most successful season in school history in 2016. They finished the season with a record of 14-2 and rewrote the record books along the way. This year's group of young ladies finished as NJCAA Region XXIII finalists, and won the MACJC North Division title for the first time in program history. At the end of the regular season the Lady Bulldogs were recognized in the NJCAA national rankings for the first time ever also. The Lady Bulldogs went undefeated at home, winning these games by a combined score of 26-3.

Along with the team accolades, the Lady Bulldogs racked up many individual accomplishments as well. The team saw four sophomores selected to play in the MACJC All Star game, Rachel Hartley, Emily Murray, MK Campbell, and Sammi Abrams. Freshman Kendal Walsh was selected to the NJCAA All Region XXIII Team. Another four Lady Bulldogs received All State Honors: Emily Murray, Sammi Abrams, Britain Welzien, and Brooke Burrell. Walsh and Burrell also moved into the Holmes single season record book. Walsh scored 17 goals and broke the season single scoring record, while Burrell became the single season assist record holder.

Not only did the girls excel on the field, but in the classroom as well. Over 60 percent of the players landed on the academic honor roll during the fall semester. Kate Hill and Bailey Harper even earned perfect 4.0 GPA's during the fall semester.

Holmes Women's Associate Head Soccer Coach Wesley Noble is proud of his team's effort during the season and in the playoffs. "It's unbelievable," Noble said of the title run. "I'm so proud of the girls. It's all because of the sophomore leadership. It's our first time to ever do this. It's just been an epic year for the girls. It all began when we started July training. The energy and focus was great and

it continued to improve all throughout this year."

"We are super proud of what the girls have accomplished this season," Head Soccer Coach Matt Convertino said. "We've taken the program to new levels where they've never been before. I'm super proud of the effort of the entire team but especially proud of Coach Noble stepping up in his first year as associate head coach. We had a fantastic effort from our sophomore class. We'll miss them dearly."

Coach Convertino is also proud of the fan support this season. "Ours fans have been there for us all year," he said. "They've been that 12th man for us. When games got a little intense, they were there for us and we appreciate that."

2016 was an incredible year and it looks like 2017 has the potential to be even better. Coach Noble is expecting big things out of the players returning and those added from this year's recruiting class. "We are very excited about the class we have coming in," he said. "We are nearly finished with our 2017 recruiting class due to how well it has gone, and we definitely plan on being back in the title run next year."

"Wesley is an extremely aggressive and dynamic recruiter," Coach Convertino said. "I think we are going to turn some heads this fall with our 2017 recruiting class."

"The team and individual accomplishments were a fantastic representation of the type of young ladies we have in this program, but the way each of them grew individually and as a family together was what made the season so special," Coach Noble said. "The culture has been established and now it is the returners and the incoming freshmen's responsibility to maintain that culture. We are extremely excited about the 2017 season and the players coming in. The future is bright for the Lady Bulldogs Soccer Program!"





Samantha Abrams
Defender



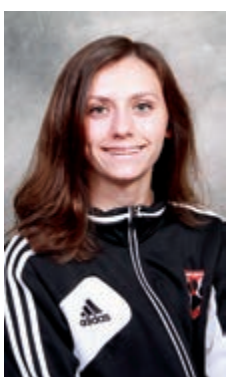
Abbie Bishop
Midfielder



Fallon Brooks
Forward



Brooke Burrell
Midfielder



**Mary Katherine
Campbell**
Midfielder



Sarah Donahoe
Forward



Frances Green
Defender



Bailey Harper
Forward



Rachel Hartley
Defender



Kate Hill
Defender



Anna Hogue
Defender



Alex Howard
Midfielder



Madison Ingram
Goalkeeper



Tierra Johnson
Defender



Irene Mondragon
Midfielder



Jaci Murphy
Midfielder



Emily Murray
Goalkeeper



Catherine Petro
Midfielder



Micaela Robinson
Forward



Anna Claire Stewart
Forward



Courtney Turner
Forward



Kendal Walsh
Forward



Britain Welzien
Midfielder



Ashley Whitley
Forward



Brooklyn Meadows
Manager



Jaylon Robinson
Manager



Hannah Kate Stewart
Manager

Matt Convertino
Head Men's and
Women's Soccer
Coach



TJay Busin
Goalkeeper Coach



Keith Comish
Athletic Trainer



Ousmane Coulibaly
Women's Assistant Coach



Wesley Noble
Women's
Associate
Head Coach

Men's Soccer

The Holmes Community College men's soccer team did more than just play soccer this year...they also raised \$1,500 for the For Kid's Sake Foundation during a two-day indoor tournament Jan. 7-8. Under the leadership of Head Soccer Coach Matt Convertino, the team organized the 3rd Annual Winter Holiday Indoor Soccer Bash at the Flowood YMCA.

For Kid's Sake was established by the parents of Malia Jusczyk, a little girl who beat cancer, to raise awareness for and improves the lives of children with neuroblastoma cancer. Malia, and her father, Glen, a former professional soccer player, were able to attend this year's tournament which featured 15 teams from the Jackson metro area.

"We've always tried to teach our players that there is more to playing college soccer than just winning and losing games, so as a coach I was overwhelmed that we had over 50 Holmes CC players and alumni participate in this event and raise money for such a good cause," Coach Convertino said.

Three Bulldog soccer players were selected to play in the 2016 MACJC Men's All-Star Game on Nov. 12 at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland. The Bulldogs selected includes: David Born, defender; Cody Kirtley, defender, and Austin Scott, midfielder. Following the MACJC All Star-Game, which ended in the North

and South Divisions battling to a 2-2 tie, Born was named one of the Most Valuable Players

Soccer players Skylar Schmidt and Yoel Bacallao were recognized for earning spots on the Dean's and President's lists, respectively. Bacallao was also nominated and chosen as a 2017 Hall of Fame inductee for Holmes. Another Bulldog soccer player, Hayden Welch, was named Mr. Holmes Community College for the Ridgeland Campus. Additionally, Rolando Sanchez was recognized for being selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-Region Team.

During the end of the year banquet, a number of players were presented with awards. Coach Convertino presented the MACJC All-State Men's Soccer Award to David Born. Associate Head Men's Coach Ousmane Coulibaly presented the Bulldog Leadership Award to Cody Kirtley, the Defensive Player of the Year award to Born, and the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award to Sanchez.

Coach Coulibaly also presented the Golden Boot to KeJaron Porter and the Playmaker Award to Ezzeddin Elfeituri. The Most Improved Player awards went to Tim Wade and Taylor Chandler, and Austin Scott took the Sportsmanship Award.



Matt Convertino
Head Men &
Women's Soccer
Coach



Ousmane Coulibaly
Men's Associate Head
Coach



Jose Barcenas
Midfielder



Caleb Black
Forward



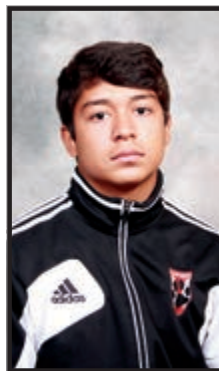
David Born
Defender



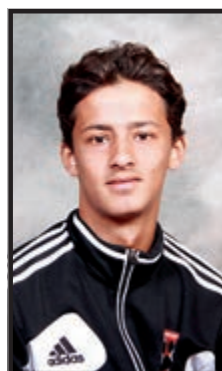
Daniel Burgos
Forward



Taylor Chandler
Defender



Esteban Cruz
Midfielder



Ezzeddin Elfeituri
Midfielder



Elias Farias
Midfielder



Markus Frederick
Goalkeeper



Mujahed Ibrahim
Forward



Cody Kirtley
Defender



Luis Lopez
Defender



Cristian Macias
Midfielder



Jon Mark Michael
Forward



Timothy Nations
Goalkeeper



Levi Newton
Forward



Joseph Patterson
Midfielder



KeJaron Porter
Forward



Ryan Salter
Midfielder



Ronaldo Sanchez
Midfielder



Austin Scott
Defender



Jonathan Serna
Forward



Charles Smith
Forward



Kenneth Thomas
Midfielder



Timothy Wade
Defender



Hayden Welch
Goalkeeper



Laquarius Belyeu
Videographer



Yoel Bacallao
Manager



Cesar Resendiz
Manager



Jaylon Robinson
Manager



Skylar Schmidt
Manager



Wesley Noble
Men's Assistant Coach



TJay Busin
Goalkeeper Coach



Keith Comish
Athletic Trainer

Women's Basketball

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs had three returning players from last year's team that made both the MACJC/Region XXIII Tournaments.

Destiny Cyprian, 5'5 guard from Clinton, Lorissa Baker, 5'10 forward from Jackson and Lauren Brooks, 5'8 forward from Jackson, return to this year's team.

Newcomers included: Kamelia Lacy, 5'6 guard from Lexington; Deirdre Dobbins, 5'6 guard from Channelview, Texas; Vaquela Pimpton, 5'8 guard from Webb; Aneisha Evans, 5'8 guard from Gluckstadt; Tyaira Wilson, 5'10 forward from Jackson; Sharaey Jefferson, 5'5 guard from Lexington; Chelsea Holloway, 5'6 guard from Pickens; Nhamia Wilson, 5'8 guard from Tchula; Nina Carpenter, 6'4 center from Las Vegas, Nev.; Brittany Webster, 6'1 center from Lexington; and MiKayla Patton, 5'11 forward from Florence.

The 2016-17 women's basketball season began on Nov. 1 with a non-division contest with Copiah-Lincoln in Goodman.

Freshman guard Vaquela Pimpton of Webb was named the MACJC Player of the Week for her plays Jan. 5 and 7. Pimpton and the Lady Bulldogs picked up two big wins over previously unbeaten Hinds and Southern University-Shreveport.

For the week, Pimpton shot 66.6 percent from the floor and 66.6 percent from the three-point line scoring 17.5 points per game. She also had three rebounds per game, two assists per game and .5 steals per game. Against Hinds, Pimpton led the Lady Bulldogs with 22 points. She then scored 13 points on Saturday against Southern-Shreveport.

The Bulldogs finished the season at 10-13 overall after falling to Jones County Junior College in the MACJC State Tournament. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 2-0 lead with 7:39 to play in the first period after MiKayla Patton hit two free throws. The Lady Bobcats tied the game at two shortly after before Pimpton's layup put Holmes up 4-2 with 7:11 to play in the period. Jones retook the lead at 6-4 on a three-pointer with 6:21 to play in the period. Aneisha Evans tied the game for Holmes at 11 with 3:11 to play in the first period and Pimpton pushed the lead to 12-11 on a free throw with 2:38 to play in the period. The Bobcats retook the lead from that point and never trailed again.

Jones led 19-12 after one period of play and 36-24 at halftime. Jones outscored Holmes 34-26 in the second half to pull out the win. Pimpton was the leading scorer for the Lady Bulldogs with 11 points. Nina Carpenter pulled in 11 rebounds while Patton had six. For the game, the Lady Bulldogs shot 24.2 percent from the floor, 23.5 percent from the three-point line and 69.6 percent from the free-throw line.





Lorissa Baker
Forward



Lauren Brooks
Forward



Nina Carpenter
Center



Destiny Cyprian
Guard



Deirdre Dobbins
Guard



Aneisha Evans
Guard



Chelsea Holloway
Guard



Sharaey Jefferson
Guard



Kamelia Lacy
Guard



Mikayla Patton
Forward



Vaquela Pimpton
Guard



Brittany Webster
Center



Nhamia Wilson
Guard



Tyaira Wilson
Forward



Qu'Sheba Henderson
Manager



Mildredyonna Washington
Manager

Jamilah Andrews
Head Coach



LaTaryl Williams
Assistant Coach



Men's Basketball

The 2016-17 Holmes Community College Men's Basketball season began on Nov. 1 with a non-division contest with Copiah-Lincoln in Goodman.

The schedule featured 23 games with 21 of them being in Region XXIII, and with 13 of them being played in Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus. Selected games were able to be watched live on holmesccmedia.com or heard on Boswell Media at 101.1 FM or breezynews.com.

The Bulldogs had two returning players from last year's team that made both the MACJC/Region XXIII Tournaments.

Demarkis Weatherall, 6'5 guard from Cruger and Malik McNair, 6'0 guard from Pearl returned to this year's team.

Newscomers included: Ryan McLaurin, 6' guard from Clinton; Trevais Spencer, 6'3 guard from Grenada; Mikkell Norment, 6'1 guard from Somerville, Tenn.; Jonah Simpson, 5'10 guard from Ridgeland; Chauncey Buckner, 6'2 guard from Jackson; D'Michael

Stribling, 6'6 forward from Ridgeland; Keith Gilmore, 6'4 guard from Atlanta, Ga.; Joshua Everette, 6'1 guard from Duck Hill; Marquell Carter, 6'5 forward from Greenville; Justin Johnson, 6'6 forward from Martin, Tenn.; Keyante Newell, 6'7 forward from Belzoni; Stanley Williams, 6' guard from Belzoni; and Marquis Orange, Jr., 6'2 guard from Sumner.

The season started Nov. 1 versus Copiah-Lincoln Community College. They finished the season 16-10 following the NJCAA Region XXIII Tournament.

Holmes was led in scoring by freshman guard Trevais Spencer, who was averaging 13.8 points per game. Freshman guard Mikkell Norment was averaging 13.6 points per game while freshman forward Justin Johnson was averaging 12.1 points per game and freshman guard Keith Gilmore is averaging 10 points per game. As a team, the Bulldogs were averaging 75.9 points per game and were shooting 47.8 percent from the floor, 37.6 percent from three-point range and 68.9 percent from the free-throw line.





Chauncey Buckner
Guard



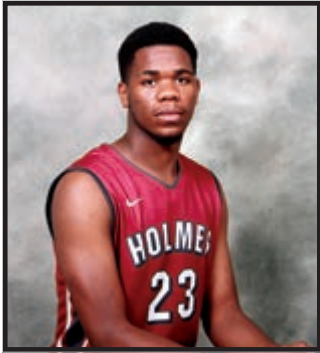
Marquell Carter
Forward



Joshua Everette
Guard



Keith Gilmore
Guard



Justin Johnson
Forward



Ryan McLaurin
Guard



Malik McNair
Guard



Keyante Newell
Forward



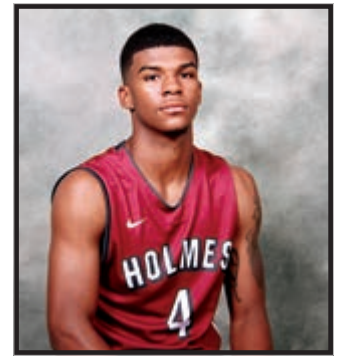
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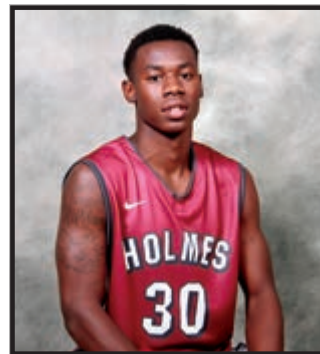
Trevais Spencer
Guard



D'Michael Stribling
Forward



Demarkis Weatherall
Guard



Stanley Williams
Guard



Ramone Anderson
Manager



Nykeem Liddell
Manager



Derrick Wade
Manager



Jason Flanigan
HeadCoach



Jason Harrison
Assistant Coach

Softball

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldog softball team had eight returners to this year's squad.

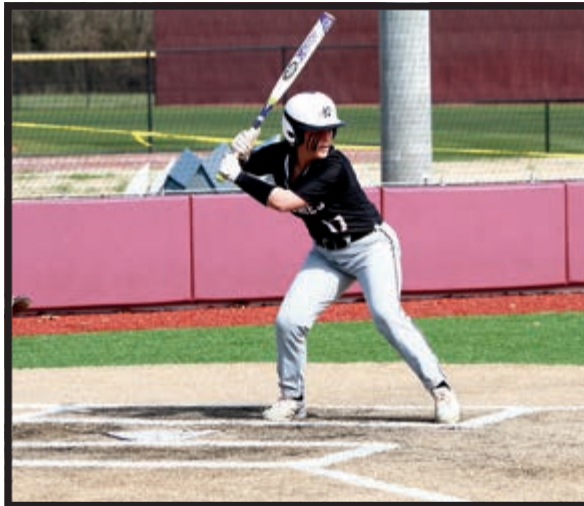
The Lady Bulldogs, who went 16-24-1 overall and 10-18 in the MACJC last season, returned: Regan Huckaby, outfielder, Pontotoc; Micah Redd, outfielder, Brookhaven; Bayle Bryant, outfielder, Sherman; Whitney Walker, infielder, Mendenhall; Karley Poindexter, pitcher/infielder, Mangham, La.; Torey Daniels, infielder, Vicksburg; Tara Grantham, infielder, Grenada; and Kayla Gilmore, infielder, Natchez.

Daniels is the leading returning hitter for the Lady Bulldogs. She batted .374 last season with 43 hits including 11 doubles, four triples and 20 RBI. Redd batted .310 with 36 hits including one double and 13 RBI. Poindexter appeared in 16 games last season on the mound and finished with an ERA of 4.49 while Redd appeared in five games with an ERA of

2.33.

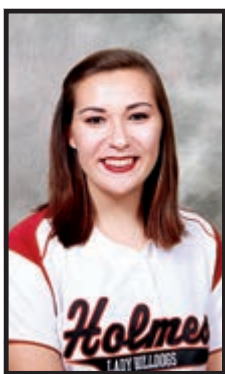
Newcomers are: Madison Womble, infielder, Carrollton; Avery Thornton, infielder, Carrollton; Kaylee Ables, outfielder, Kosciusko; Jana Newell, catcher/infielder, Ridgeland; Juliet Warriner, pitcher, Brandon; Abby Bouslay, infielder, Brandon; Madison Fields, outfielder, Raleigh; Kaitlyn Warren, pitcher, Magee; Olivia Wilson, infielder, Ridgeland; Emily Littlejohn, outfielder, Eupora; Madison Frazier, pitcher/infielder, Jackson; Jasmine Cox, catcher, Pierre Part, La.; Courtney Hatcher, infielder, Eupora; Lexi Blackwell, catcher, Olla, La.; Meghan Cumming, pitcher, Ball, La.; and Becca Kennedy, outfielder, Magee.

The Lady Bulldogs began their season on Feb. 4 vs. Southwest and Marion, Alabama.





Kaylee Ables
OF



Lexi Blackwell
C



Abby Bouslay
INF



Bayle Bryant
OF



Jasmine Cox
C



Meghan Cumming
P



Torey Daniels
INF



Madison Fields
OF



Madison Frazier
P/INF



Kayla Gilmore
INF



Tara Grantham
INF



Courtney Hatcher
INF



Regan Huckaby
OF



Becca Kennedy
OF



Emily Littlejohn
OF



Jana Newell
C/INF



Karley Poindexter
P/INF



Micah Redd
OF



Avery Thornton
INF



Whitney Walker
INF



Juliet Warriner
P



Olivia Wilson
INF



Madison Womble
INF



Courtland Crutchfield
Manager



Katyn Engle
Manager

Head Coach
Ricky Casey



Assistant Coach
Mandy Clark-
Walker



Baseball

The baseball program added a new assistant coach, Dylan Belanger, at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

Belanger came to Goodman from Hinds Community College, where he was the graduate assistant pitching coach during the 2016 season. The Eagles clinched an MACJC playoffs spot and all four sophomore arms signed to continue their career at the NCAA Division I level. This staff had four All-MACJC selections and an All-Region 23 performer this past year. During the 2015 season, Belanger served as the pitching coach at Mississippi Delta Community College. The Trojans made an appearance in the MACJC playoffs Belanger's first year in Moorhead.

Prior to joining MDCC, Belanger served as the pitching coach at Neville High School in Monroe, Louisiana, for the previous six seasons. His coaching experience also includes serving as associate head coach for Monroe Baseball for the previous five summers serving as the team's pitching coach, as well as third base coach.

The Bulldog baseball team had eight returners to a team that finished .500 on the season. This year's team mixed these returners with some transfers and freshmen to get back to postseason play.

The Bulldogs, who went 22-22 overall and 13-15 in the MACJC, returned: Brodie Threet, catcher, Kosciusko; Chase Allen, pitcher, Florence; Dylan Creel, infielder, Clinton; Justin Hutton, pitcher, Byram; Peyton Sullivan, pitcher, Mize; Scott Shearer, pitcher, Independence; Sloan Dieter, pitcher/infielder; Lake Charles, La.; and Tyrance Carr, infielder, Clinton. Transfers include: Chris Prentiss, pitcher, Vicksburg, Co-Lin; Josh Tucker, outfielder, Clinton, East Central; Kyle Singleton, infielder, Brandon, Hinds; Landry Newsom, pitcher/outfielder, Farmerville, La., Hinds; and Zach Boone,

catcher, Flowood, East Miss. All are sophomores except for Tucker and Singleton.

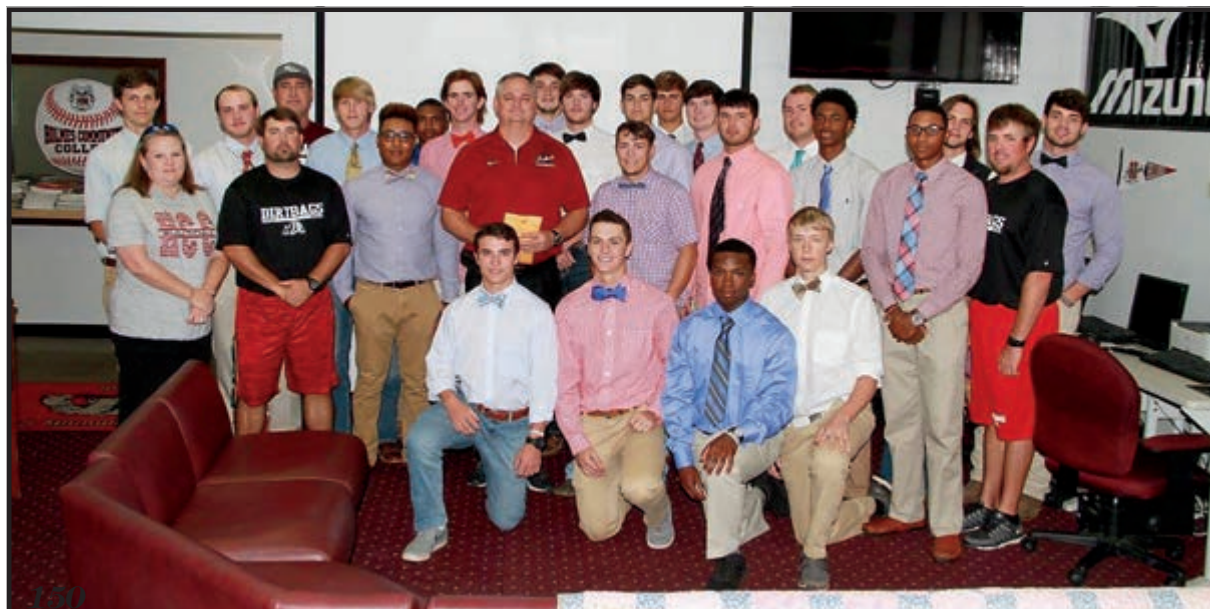
Creel was the returning leading hitter by average for the Bulldogs with a .315 average. He had 17 hits with six RBI. Dieter batted .294 with 25 hits including five doubles and seven homeruns. Threet batted .271 with 13 hits including three doubles, one homerun and 15 RBI while Carr batted .239 with 11 hits including one double, one triple and six RBI.

Hutton finished the season with a 0.00 ERA in nine games. Dieter had a 3.14 ERA in 43 innings with 35 strikeouts while Shearer had a 4.98 ERA in 68 2/3 innings with 39 strikeouts, Allen had a 6.26 ERA in 23 innings with 22 strikeouts and Peyton Sullivan had a 7.24 in 13 2/3 innings with 19 strikeouts.

The team began play on Feb. 3 at Wallace State Community College in Selma, Alabama. The team played Southeastern, Illinois in the home opener on Feb. 17. The Bulldogs opened the 2017 campaign with a 2-2 record. Holmes went 2-1 vs. Wallace Community College and 0-1 vs. Faulkner University's JV team.

Scott Shearer was named the Baseball Pitcher of the Week for his play in Selma, Alabama. He pitched a no-hitter in five innings of work and was one play away from a perfect game after the Bulldogs committed an error. He gave up no runs, no hits with no strikeouts and no walks. As a freshman, Shearer finished the season with a record of 6-2 with a 4.98 ERA. He pitched in 12 games and went 68 2/3 innings with 39 strikeouts and 17 walks.

The Bulldogs went 2-2 versus Southeastern Illinois College; Southeastern Illinois won Saturday, 7-3 and 8-1 while the Bulldogs won Sunday, 12-10 and 4-3.



The Bulldog Baseball Team sold raffle tickets to help offset some of the costs for Raleigh Wood, brother of Holmes Athletic Director Andy Wood. Raleigh was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He had surgery to remove the tumor and also went through radiation and chemo. The team sold raffle tickets for a Roy Oswalt memorabilia pack and the money collected was presented to Coach Wood for his brother.



Chase Allen
RHP



Logan Bell
INF/RHP



Zach Boone
C



Tyrance Carr
INF



Dylan Creel
INF



Jeff Crenshaw
LHP



Sloan Dieter
RHP/INF



Justin Hutton
OF/RHP



Keelyn Johnson
C/INF



Will Jordan
INF



Nick Lawrence
RHP



Jeb Malley
OF



Sage Mullins
OF



Landry Newsom
RHP/OF



Chandler Powell
INF



Chris Prentiss
INF



Scott Shearer
LHP



Kyle Singleton
INF



Peyton Sullivan
RHP



Brodie Threeth
C



Josh Tucker
OF



Kenny Dupont
Head Coach



Dylan Belanger
Assistant Coach

Tennis

The Holmes Community College men's tennis team started the 2017 campaign off with a 5-4 win over the Northeast Mississippi Community College Tigers on Feb. 17. In singles action, Matthew Philley and Rylee Artman picked up wins while Eric Menefee, Meritt Blackwell, Matthew Dubourg and Hayden Switzer all fell in singles. Philley-Dubourg, Menefee-Blackwell and Christopher Stuckey-Emanuel Brooks won in doubles.

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs fell to Northeast Mississippi Community College, 3-6, to start the 2017 tennis campaign. Jessica May and Savanna Bell each won their singles matches while Ashleigh Pope, Lucy Oakes, Brittany Graham and Odyssey Brewer each fell. Brewer-Bell won their doubles match while Pope-Graham and Oakes-May fell in doubles.





Savanna Bell



Oddysey Brewer



Brittany Graham



Jessica May



Lucy Oakes



Ashleigh Pope



Kalyn Robertson



Myisha Thurman



A'lexus Williams



Rylee Artman



Jared Bell



Merritt Blackwell



Emanuel Brooks



Matthew Dubourg



Jacob Hawkins



Cortez Jennings



Eric Menefee



Matthew Philley



Taylor Pickle



Christopher Stuckey



Hayden Switzer

Head Coach Greg LeVert coaches Bulldog Tennis.

Holmes Community College **Sports** **Hall Of Fame**

On April 21, the Holmes Alumni Association held a banquet to honor the 2016 Sports Hall of Fame inductees at the Frank Branch Coliseum in Goodman. The six inductees who were recognized included: Angela Bounds-Stevenson ('06) of Pearl River, Louisiana, basketball; Shaston Coleman ('93) of Ackerman, football; Michael Ellis ('95) of Vaiden, baseball and football; Clarence Harmon, Jr. ('75) of Kosciusko, football, baseball, track; William Farris Jenkins ('67) of Kilmichael, baseball, and Don Wynne ('67) of Lexington, basketball. Prior to the 6 p.m. banquet, inductees enjoyed an informal welcoming reception at the president's home at 3 p.m., where they received framed sports photos from their days as a Bulldog. Afterwards, inductees and their families enjoyed a performance by Connection! show choir and tours of campus until time for the banquet. The new inductees have not only achieved success on athletic fields, but success in their careers.



Angela Bounds-Stevenson of Pearl River, Louisiana, was a member of the women's basketball team. She was named Most Valuable Player, Rookie of the Year and received the Offensive Award in 2005, was chosen to the Region 23 All-Region team and All-State team both years as a Bulldog. Following her 2005-06 season, she was selected to the NJCAA All-American 2nd Team, named Best Offensive Player, and asked to play in the 2006 All-Star game. She furthered her basketball career at the University of Mobile where she received her bachelor's in human performance and exercise science and her master's from Alabama State University in school counseling.



Shaston Coleman of Ackerman was inducted for his football accomplishments as a Bulldog. A Region 23 All-Region Team member, he was named to the All-State squad in 1993 and selected as Most Improved Player in 1992. Coleman's accomplishments continued at Mississippi State University and the National Football League, signing with the Chicago Bears. Coleman declared that he, "truly enjoyed every day," at Holmes Community College.



Michael Ellis of Vaiden excelled in both football and baseball for the Bulldogs. He was named to the All State 2nd Team for football, as well as the MS JUCO All-Star game. Ellis continued his football career at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and graduated in 1999 with a degree in civil engineering. The best thing about his Holmes days? Ellis didn't hesitate. "Meeting my wife, Elizabeth Mosby Ellis."



Don Wynne of Lexington is a 1967 Holmes Junior College graduate who was a basketball standout for the Bulldogs. Wynne competed as starting five both his freshman and sophomore years, was named to the Dean's Academic List, and to Who's Who in American Junior College. Wynne remained a Bulldog, heading to Mississippi State University where he completed his bachelor's degree in business. He currently runs his own business in Brandon, Sonny's Bar-B-Q.



William Farris Jenkins of Kilmichael is a 1963 graduate who was previously named to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame for his coaching accomplishments. He was inducted to Holmes' Sports Hall of Fame for his two-year baseball career as a Bulldog. Jenkins furthered his education at Mississippi State University and went on to become a teacher and coach for over 40 years.



Clarence Harmon, Jr. of Kosciusko impressed fans with his baseball, track and football talents. He was named Most Valuable Player for two of the sports and won the state championship in track during the spring of 1975. Harmon went on to play for the Mississippi State University Bulldogs and later signed a pro football contract with the National Football League's Washington Redskins.



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Bulldog County Fair



On Aug. 8, Holmes held its annual district-wide Back to School Bash in Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus. The theme this year, Bulldog County Fair, included delicious fair treats, an assortment of carnival games, Family Feud, relay races, a costume contest, a dunking booth and more. Faculty and staff enjoyed fun and fellowship as President Dr. Jim Haffey got everyone excited about the upcoming school year. The event also included the recognition of employees who have reached certain milestones in years of service to the college. The recognized faculty and staff members were presented with a certificate.





Faculty and Staff

On Aug. 9, 2016, Holmes held a "Bulldog County Fair" themed Back to School Bash for faculty and staff from every campus. Held in Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus, the event included fun, food, and fellowship, as well as a recognition of faculty and staff who have given milestone years of service to the institution.



Robert Harris was recognized for his 30 years of service with Holmes.



Pictured are (left to right) Janet Mullennix and Kelli Blaylock who were recognized for 25 years of service. Also recognized was (not pictured) Joey Netherland.



Employees (front, left to right) Dr. Fran Cox, Gwen Graham, (back, left to right) Jessica Elliot, Kenny Dupont, and Susie Jackson were recognized for 20 Years of Service.



Employees (front, left to right) Tina Boyette, Jackie Thurman, (back, left to right) David Brock, and Cynthia McCoy were recognized for 15 Years of Service.

Service Recognition



Employees (front, left to right) Wyndy Peeples, Sonja Arnett, Jessica Brown, Cindy Dugan, Angela Miles, (back, left to right) Gale Sheppard, Lisa Anglin, Bronwyn Martin, Ricardo Anderson, Ricky Casey, Wanda Casey, Dr. Stacey Coulter, Dr. Kathy Nipper, and Vincent Sutherland were recognized for 10 Years of Service. Also recognized were (not pictured) James Bailey and Brian Wooten.



Employees (front, left to right) Amy Whittington, Cherrie Winter, Amanda Jones, Kim Sandifer, Cindy Bridges, Larry Webster, Tommy Trussell, David Parker, (back, left to right) Barin von Foregger, John "Jeffrey" Newsom, Bruce Patridge, Laura McMahon, Jodie Burchfield, Donald Boyd, Antoine Gates, Jeff Koonz, Jon Rost, Patti Koonz, Julie Muse, James Marion, and Joshua Walker were recognized for Five Years of Service. Also recognized were (not pictured) Carolyn Case, and Tommy Hutchinson, and Kristy McClain.

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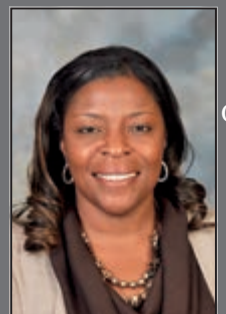
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Maria Edwards
Katherine Ellard
Jessica Elliot
Amy Eubanks
Norman Faulkner
Pamela Fells



Justin Ferguson
Jason Flanigan
James Floyd
Kim Fowler
Mark Galtelli
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Tina Garrett
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Wendy Grace
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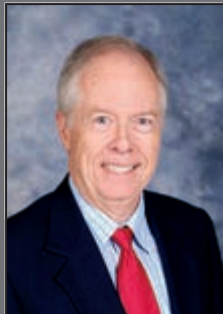
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Jim Shirley
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 Jennifer Smith
 Judy Smith
 Joseph Spell



Leslie Spell
 Joanna Spell
 Elizabeth Spooner
 Yoshika Stingley
 Tim Stowers
 Dr. Lakesia Sutton



Molly Sutton
 Chanda Sykes
 Angela Tanner
 Crystal Tate
 James Thompson
 Julie Ann Tipton



Mariette Turner
 Barin von Foregger
 Cindy Vreeland
 Amanda Walker
 Xiaoying Wang
 Matthew Wannabo



Ann Weaver
 Mallory Weeks
 Joe David White
 Lisa Wilbourn
 Ben Williams
 Keshia Williams



LaTaryl Williams
 Jay Wilson
 Kris Wilson
 Cherrie Winter
 Dr. Amy Wolgamott
 Heather Wood



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2016 Foundation Golf Classic

The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. Golf Classic was held Wednesday, May 11, at Deerfield Golf Club in Madison. The event included an afternoon of golf followed by a social featuring live music from Stace and Cassie Cook, fresh catfish and heavy hor d'oeuvres.

All proceeds from the golf tournament went to the Holmes Development Foundation, Inc., which uses funds to support scholarships, provide for instructional equipment, library resources, and other activities to enhance Holmes' programs.



Pictured is the Vital SourceTeam, the 2016 Foundation Golf Classic championship winners. They are *(left to right)* Jack Burrell, Steve Tiller, Dr. Jim Haffey and Larry Webster



Jimmie Hall tees off at the Valley Services and Boswell Media Sports hole.



Barin von Foregger tees off on the Mike West, CPA sponsored hole.

Pictured are (left to right) Bronwyn Martin, Michael Pawlik, and Lena and Jose Lopez mid tournament.



(left to right) Kerri Edwards and Tonya Lawrence stop for a photo as they cruise the course.



Josh West putts while (left to right) Steve Diffey, Coach Tim Stowers, and Coach Jeff Koonz look on.

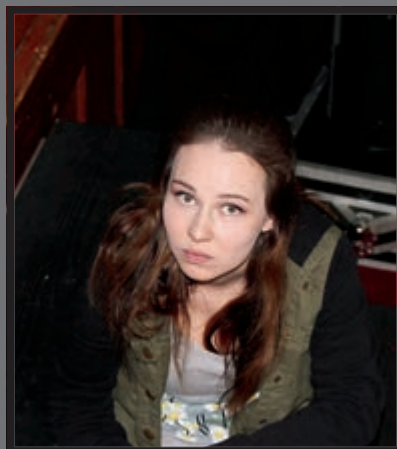


Students

We are...

Ambitious

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Freshmen

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Sierra Anderson
Veronica Austin
Savannah Baker
Yoshida Baker
Mandi Beard



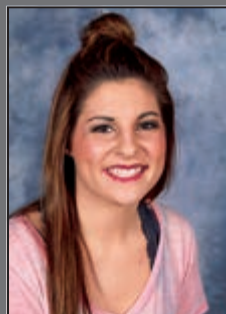
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Tyler Brown
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Ethan Burton
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Carson Carrithers
Jonathan Chea
Michael Clark
Courtney Clay
David Colby



Thomas Cothren
T'Onia Dabney
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Angela Dees



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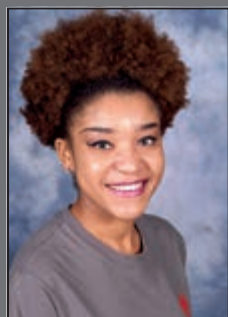
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Presley Grillette
Mark Goins
Shelby Grantham
Mason Greenlee
Sharnae Gregory



Keyonda Harris
Cullen Harrison
Nyasha Harvey
Jaime Hatcher
Mamie Hawkins

Freshmen

Crystal Hendricks
Scott Hickman
Ethan Holden
Benjamin Hood
Dylan Hood



Christopher Hosey
Elizabeth Howell
Amber Hughes
Temaria Hunter
Kristi Johnson



Myeshia Johnson
Joshlyn Jones
Rachel Jones
Vonda Jones
O'Stashia Jordan



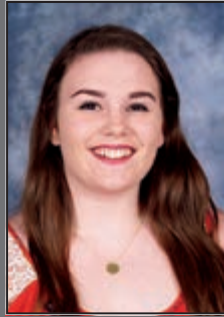
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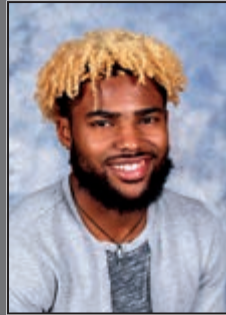
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Freshmen



Chris McElroy
Cara McLure
Harley McMullen
Charleigh Mcphail
La'Kala Meeks



Lisa Meeks-Jean
Nicholas Merrill
Jeremiah Middleton
Isaiah Miller
Hailey Mims



Danielle Mitchell
Miracle Montgomery
Shaneria Moon
Cizzie Moore
Manda Moore



Emily Morgan
Jessi Morgan
Shaquille Morris
Quintavious Mosley
Jeffery Murray



Zachery Naef
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Freshmen

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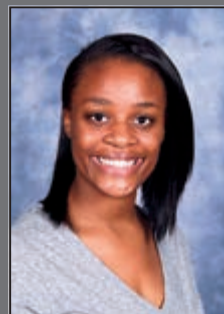
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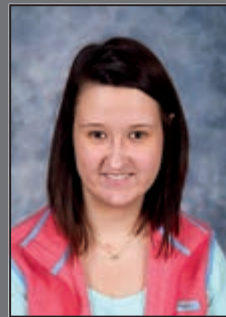
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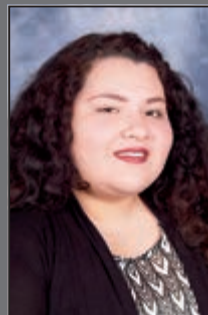
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Ellie Williams
La'Quesha Williams
Yesenia Williams
Lanecia Winters



Lester Winters
Quinttina Wise
Deyuna Woods
Miesha Woods
Chinquina Youngblood
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Students

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Sophomores

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Sophie Aguilar
Daphna Jill Allen
Marshae Allen
Clint Allison
Brooke Alvis



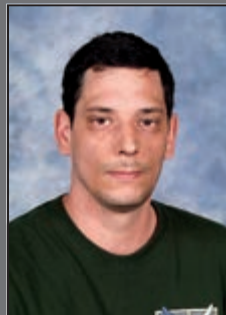
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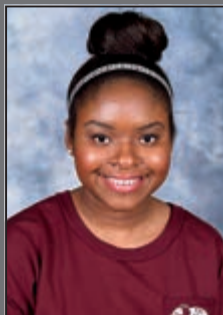
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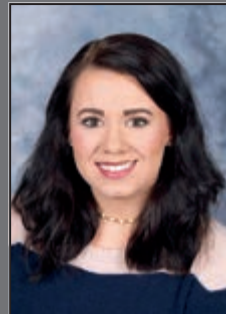
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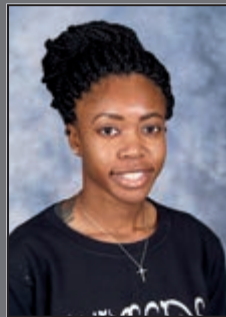
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Dee Davis
Sheyanne Dean
Lajerrius Dubose



Josie Dunson
Payton Earley
Michael Edmonds
Jessica Ellington
Kayleen Fly



Brianna Ford
Leilani Ghimire-Jones
Jasmine Gibson
Valencia Griffin
Cecily Haley



Morgan Hannah
Shedesha Harris
Colby Hubbard
Robert Hudson
Amethyst Hunt



Natavia Hunt
Jeremiah Jackson
Courtney Jernigan
Laquisha Johnson
Gabrielle Jones

Sophomores

Leilani Jones
Mahalia Jones
Mia Jones
Milton Jones
Mondrea Jones



Angela Keels
Ashlynn Kerr
Emily Lamkin
Marilyn Lee
Kaitlyn Legge



Simone Lewis
Jai'la Liddell
Alana Lowery
Jordan Lowery
Kadedria Luckett



Kevin Luckett
Lashonda Lyles
Bianca Martin
Paschal Massey
Whitney Matthews



Barton McGee
Mary Helen McGee
Lauren McGraw
Tiffanie McIntire
Martavious Miers



Sophomores



Chelsea Miller
Brittany Nicole
Nicole Moffett
Anna Mooney
Marie Moore
Khadija Myers



Carlos Nelson
Nile Owusu
Alexandra Perry
Megan Poe
Aundria Price



Jake Rawlings
Kelli Ray
Deanna Rinker
Hannah Ritchie
Amy Robertson



Jaylon Robinson
Stephfon Robinson
Farrie Rollins
Amanda Roy
Tre'Varius Rucker



Erica-Lynn Ruckett
Gabrielle Saffold
Rehana Sajjad
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Diabolique Shaw

Sophomores

Kristen Shivel
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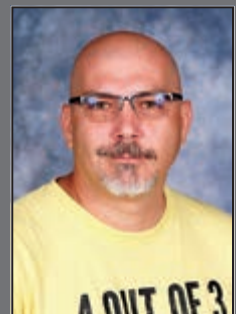
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Robbin Travis
Sirena Trotter
Kevin Truss



Haley Tyler
Taylor Vance
Timothy Wallace
Shiloh Wammack
Ralph Watson



Adam Weaver
Christina White
Nicole Whitehead
Devin Williams
Elizabeth Williams



Sophomores



Zianni Willis
Addie Mae Winters
Quannegra Woodall
John Wright



Jared Yates
Brittany-Nicole Zamudio









Celebrations & Dedications

We are...

Accomplished

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



J.R. Hall and Jimmy Houston enjoyed speaking with Chief Christopher Dill

Pictured are Officer Carzell Cavett, Chief Chris Dill, and Officer Richard Nash



Barin von Foreggger, Sgt. Judy Tucker, and Shay Williams Earnhart stop for a photo



Officer Carzell Cavett enjoys some of the goodies given by the Ridgeland Faculty Association with the president of the association, Antoine Gates.



Officer Carzell Cavett and Lina Lopez stop for a picture.



Pictured are Patrolman Marian Kelsey and Faculty Association President Antoine Gates.

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Faculty Association sponsored a Law Enforcement Appreciation social in the library conference room from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12. The gathering included refreshments provided by the Faculty Association, given to show the Ridgeland Campus officers just how thankful the Holmes family is for them.

"Our police officers work hard to ensure that all Holmes employees and students are safe on campus at all times, and they do their jobs with a pleasant attitude," said Antoine Gates, instructor of biological sciences and president of the Faculty Association. "They truly deserve more than what we're doing for them, but we just wanted to show them that we appreciate them."

Karen Clips for Cancer



Holmes Student Support Services administrative assistant and Spirit Team sponsor Karen Ray successfully raised over \$1,300 for the American Cancer Society through a fundraiser that involved shaving her head.

“Unfortunately, we have all known someone who has been diagnosed with cancer,” Ray said. “Last year, I lost two people within a month. In March, I lost a girlfriend who was one of the first people to welcome me to a new community I moved to. Then, in April, I lost my uncle/ Godfather who supported me in everything I did. I was brokenhearted.

“My best friend Mary Beth shaved her head four and half years ago in support of her friend, Corrine Nelson, and I thought, ‘What’s hair, it grows back! I can do that! I can shave my head!’ “I did this in remembrance of Tony Ray, Stephanie Williams and Claude Davis and in honor of my mother Joan Ray, my aunts Arlene Ray, Norinne Wong and friend Maria (Tina) Arcega-Dunn, who is fighting this right now.



Pictured above: Cosmetology instructor Christie Allen shaves Karen Ray's head on March 2.

“There were a lot of women and men who thought I was crazy,” Ray said, “because hair is so important to a woman. Hair is an important determinant of physical attractiveness and a means of expressing individuality. Because women are famous for spending a lot of time and money grooming, dying, curling, drying, and styling their hair to make it look its best, when they begin to lose their hair, it is extremely traumatic. This cosmetic setback is quite intense when a woman is used to having hair and suddenly finds herself losing it. They can have a lot of trouble dealing with the reality of hair loss. Again, for me, it is only hair. It is emotional only because of my thoughts of the people I was shaving my head for. I cannot lie, I am glad I can rock this hair style.”

To honor those friends and family members, Ray was delighted to set up a fundraiser, which culminated with her shaving her head on March 2 on the Goodman Campus.

“Let’s fight cancer together!”

Holmes Family Remembers Beloved Employee

This yearbook is dedicated in loving memory of William Brian Risher, who served as eLearning coordinator and a history instructor. A dearly-loved member of the Holmes family, the 42-year-old Risher passed away on Aug. 1, 2016.

“Working with Brian was an adventure,” Director of eLearning Tish Stewart said. “We never knew what may happen on a daily basis. He was a smart, talented, outgoing young man whose love for his family shined through all that he did. One of my favorite quotes from him was, ‘Tish, remember, words are a gift.’ We enjoyed listening to his many stories that usually included Star Wars references or Ole Miss.”

Risher, who earned his master’s in history from the University of Mississippi, previously served as a high school special education and history teacher in Desoto County. In addition to studying history, he also studied art at Mississippi College and became an accomplished graphic artist. He was truly a talented man in so many different ways.

“Brian was personable with everyone, not just those of us in the office, but with every person with whom he had contact,” said Heather Guest, eLearning administrative assistant. “He also brought lots of laughter to our office – and at just the right times. All in all, it was a joy to work with him and an honor to call him my friend.”

Online instructor Jennifer Cheek said that “Brian was always diplomatic and patient. Many times he guided me through departmental changes and encouraged me to ‘step up’ and develop activities and build proctored exams for pre-core. Generally, he allowed this adjunct online instructor to be a link in the bigger picture. I’m sure that I baffled him and gave him opportunities to laugh out loud at times. He was such a good person and an excellent leader and teacher. We all miss him so much.”

Sarah Berry, another instructor said, “Brian was always available, helpful, and patient. One summer, I was at the beach with my family and I had multiple messages coming to my phone from email (via Canvas) from my students stating that an assignment was not allowing them to submit. I could NOT figure out how to get it fixed. Brian took time out of his day to speak to me on the phone TWICE to help me understand how to fix it. He was so kind and patient. Based on that day, I realized that I could always turn to him with what would seem like even the most ridiculous of questions. He was an all-around great guy, and that’s even just based on the cyber version of him that I got to know.” Online instructor Stephanie Daniel added, “What I will always remember about Brian was his positive attitude and his willingness to help others.”

Risher served as an inspiration to many. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Flora and maintained a passionate exploration of biblical studies all of his life.

“Brian was a dear, trusted friend,” said Chanda Sykes, Spanish instructor. “No matter the subject, I could talk with him about anything. He always had time for me...always had a smile and a laugh to share. I miss how he would pop in for a quick visit when he was on the Grenada Campus. There’s now this hole in my life where he used to be...no one will ever fill that hole. I miss my friend.”

A family man, there was never a doubt that Risher deeply loved his wife, Jami, and daughter, Sophie. He made time to be an amazing husband and father, all the while treating the faculty and staff at Holmes like family too.

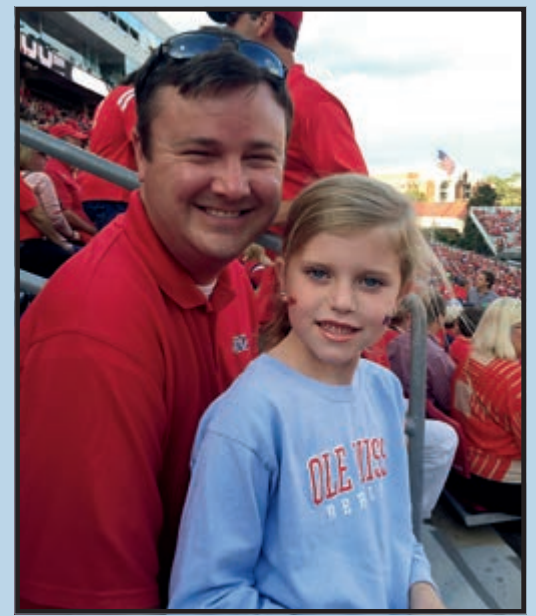
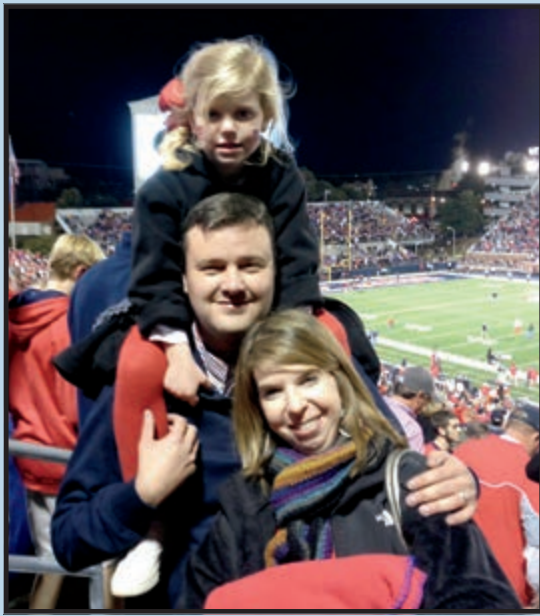
Former Vice President for Career-Technical Education Sherrie Cheek shared the story of their friendship.

“The story of our relationship is a sweet one...built on green apple Jolly Ranchers,” Cheek said. “When Brian arrived at eLearning in Goodman, I began to check on him periodically to see how he was adjusting to such a powerful, estrogen-driven department. At the time, Jenny was transitioning from eLearning to academic dean and had offered to help Brian learn his new job. Jenny herself is high-energy, and is all about producing results. Coupled with her in the training of Brian was Tish, the Master Force of eLearning. If any of you ever think you can outwork Tish, you are mistaken.

“eLearning is characterized by deadlines, tedious details, and problem-solving. Everyone who joins the department quickly learns her role - or as Brian proved, his role. Nancy arrived with a reputation for working hard and performing well, and Shalon is Lilly’s daughter...that fact being explanation enough of Shalon’s incredible work ethic. When Nancy arrived, Brian displayed a strong confidence in his new role in the department and worked to acclimate her to the department.

“During our chats to discuss his progress and to sometimes chuckle about his challenges, he would dig through the candy jar on my desk for green apple Jolly Ranchers. He routinely stopped by my office, often getting two-three extra green apples (yes, I created that plural) for the remainder of the day. However, no matter how many times I told him to do otherwise, he would not enter my office without a visual or verbal acknowledgement from me if the door was slightly ajar or if I was on the phone. He absolutely ‘wore’ politeness. As he left my office, he would show that rather childlike smile that suggested that he had more thoughts than he had shared.

“Brian also worked very closely with Jackie in the high schools on the DE/DC courses. Did Jackie need him? No. However, the pairing seemed to work very well, and Brian learned from Jackie. I know that Jackie enjoyed both his company and his help and cherishes the times they spent together on the road. Another almost constant figure in Brian’s work life in Goodman was Mary. Since she often takes the time to see how other employees are doing, she probably provided a softness that helped balance the climate of the department for Brian. I would describe Mary, Heather, Lynda, Elizabeth and Brittni as the less intense members of Brian’s work world. Do not misunderstand: Every single person in the department, including Brian, was totally focused on taking care of business. The entire department is highly effective and efficient.



“On those rare afternoons that he and I would happen to leave the building at the same time, he would always tell me what he and precious Sophie had planned for the afternoon. He would then head to his truck with that swaying gait that seemed to hint at playfulness. I recall his eyes sparkling as he shared with me the plans he had made to take Jami to see their beloved Ole Miss in New Orleans. He was so proud of himself that the trip had materialized for them but especially proud that it had materialized for her. You see, I was so pleased that Brian told me about the New Orleans trip because he wasn't one who opened up to me. Instead, he appeared to be rather reserved and private without ever being standoffish. I didn't even know about his surgery until the day afterwards and was shocked (as other coworkers were) to learn then of his ongoing medical condition.

“From the time of his surgery, his eLearning family and other coworkers rallied around him...praying, visiting, sending messages and goodies, and praying more. In the world of eLearning, I believe that Brian was quite content. His easy-going, laid back nature wrapped in masculinity was a delightful, refreshing addition to the department and to the first floor of McDaniel. I know that online instructors must have enjoyed working with him. How do I think Brian felt about the powerful women of eLearning? I am quite sure that he adored and loved each of them for the wonderful, incredible women that they were to him and for the wonderful, incredible women that they are. They fully embraced him and loved him. I know that I will one day smile with sweet memories of Brian when I see green apple Jolly Ranchers...but not now. I will always be thankful for the sweet relationship I shared with Brian.”



HOLMES MOURNS DEATH OF DR. DONALD E. PHILLIPS

The Holmes Community College family was saddened to learn of the passing of longtime Holmes Foundation President Dr. Donald E. Phillips. Dr. Phillips, 84, an alumnus, former athlete and coach, died on Feb. 2 at his home in Brandon.

The Gore Springs native certainly marked his place in the history of Holmes. Dr. Phillips was a member of the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame, a recipient of both the Alumnus of the Year Award and Distinguished Service Award, and has a building named in his honor at Holmes.

The courtyard at the Chapel on the Hill also bears his name along with his wife's, the former Sue Breedlove Phillips. He and Sue played a pivotal role in the renovation of the Holmes House, the school's alumni house, on the Goodman Campus. He served the Foundation well by helping grow the college's endowment through two major gift campaigns along with the raising of funds for the Chapel on the Hill. In 2004, Dr. Phillips received the Region IV Benefactor of the Year Award from the National Council for Resource Development. Recipients embody the

ideals of philanthropy, leadership and volunteerism in the service of community, technical and junior colleges.

While at Holmes, Dr. Phillips was a member of the state championship baseball and basketball teams in 1951 and 1952. He was also chosen Mr. Holmes Junior College his sophomore year. After graduating from Holmes in 1952, he transferred to Mississippi College, where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1954. He was the vice-president of the senior class and a member of the basketball team in 1952 and 1953. He received an MBA from The University of Mississippi in 1959 and also holds an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Mississippi College.

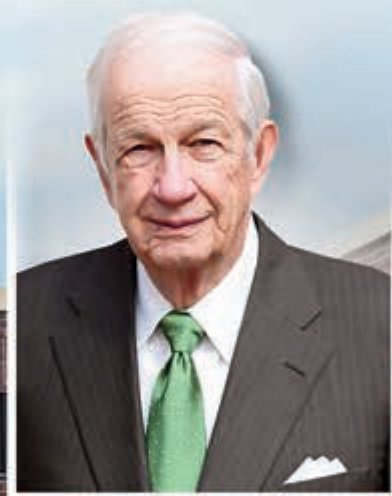
After a time of coaching at Benton High School and at Holmes Community College, Dr. Phillips pursued a career in the business world retiring in 1988 as President and CEO of Pitman-Moore Animal Health Care Products, Northbrook, Illinois.

"Dr. Phillips was a once in a generation kind of man," Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey said. "Many of us are fortunate to have benefited from his

work while as students and then have the opportunity to work alongside him as a friend and mentor."

"He helped build the Holmes Foundation from the ground up," he said. "His impact on Holmes Community College and other surrounding colleges is immeasurable. He was a true servant leader, and we will miss his kind, positive, and generous spirit greatly."

"Dr. Phillips helped me grow personally and professionally from the example he set in his years of dedicated leadership to the Holmes Community College Development Foundation," Holmes Foundation Executive Director Dr. Lindy McCain said. "He touched countless lives of students, faculty, and staff over the years with the time and resources he so graciously provided. We will miss his encouragement, drive and vision at the College."



DONALD E. PHILLIPS
HALL

HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Pictured above are (*left to right*) Holmes Foundation Executive Director Dr. Lindy McCain, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey, longtime Holmes Foundation President Dr. Donald E. Phillips, and his wife, Holmes Legacy Club member Sue Breedlove Phillips at the Dedication Ceremony for the Donald E. Phillips Building in Grenada on Nov. 6, 2015. Below is Dr. Phillips with family.





It has been an honor to have been the editor of the Horizons yearbook for the Goodman Campus. This year we have worked very hard, and it has definitely paid off. I've made so many new friends while joining the Horizons staff. I want to thank Mary Margaret Busby for being the best advisor that I could have ever had throughout this year. I also want to thank Payton Earley for being there for me when I was blocked on knowing what to do with a page or needed some guidance on what to say. I want to thank Andi Frank for being a great advisor at my high school. I would not have even signed up for the Horizons staff, much less applied for the editor position, if it was not for you. I also want to thank Steve Diffey for being the best boss, friend, and mentor throughout this year. You are the main reason why I have done so well at HCC and I probably would not have survived it without you.

Eryca Edwards
Goodman Editor-in-Chief

I have loved the opportunity of being the editor of the Horizaons yearbook staff for the Ridgeland Campus this year. We have worked extremely hard to put together an awesome book showing what a great year this has been. Being editor, I have learned how to manage and deligate time and assignments. I want to thank Mary Margaret Busby for being a fabulous advisor and encouraging me in all I do. She is also the reason that I chose to go back to my first major of journalism. I also want to thank Nichole Robinson for allowing me to learn my love for journalism throughout high school. If it wasn't for being a part of Brandon High School's yearbook staff, I wouldn't have joined at Holmes or even thought about running for editor. I want to thank Eryca Edwards as well for being a friend, encouragment, and huge help in the making of this book, even from another campus. The time I have spent at Holmes Community College is time I will forever cherish, and I have learned so many valuable things while being here.

Payton Earley
Ridgeland Editor-in-Chief





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